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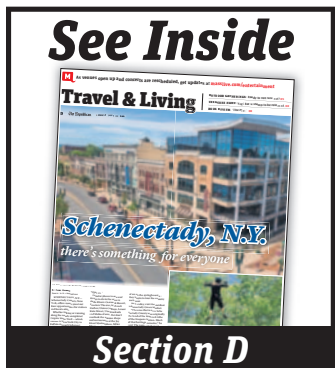
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The Toronto Blue Jays hit 5 home runs en route to a 7-2 victory over the Red Sox at Fenway Park yesterday. Page B1

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TODAY'S MUST-READS



CARBIS BAY, ENGLAND

Biden urges G-7 to call out, compete with China

Leaders of the world's largest economies unveiled an infrastructure plan yesterday for the developing world to compete with China's global initiatives, but they were searching for a consensus on how to forcefully call out Beijing over human rights abuses.

Citing China for its forced labor practices is part of President Joe Biden's campaign to persuade fellow democratic leaders to present a more unified front to compete economically with Beijing. But while they agreed to work toward competing against China, there was less unity on how adversarial a public position the group should take.

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CHICAGO

Mass shootings across US stir fears as summer nears

Two people were killed and at least 30 others wounded in mass shootings Friday night and Saturday morning in three states, authorities said yesterday, stoking concerns that a spike in U.S. gun violence could continue into summer as coronavirus restrictions ease and more people are free to socialize.

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy, chance of evening thunderstorms.
High: 82°; Low: 59°

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SPRINGFIELD

'Convergence of wonderful things'

UMass Medical graduates 1st Springfield docs

BY CAROLYN ROBBINS
Special to The Republican

At the University of Massachusetts Medical School's 48th commencement ceremony on June 6, two high achievers from Springfield — one with career-long accolades to his credit and another just beginning to forge his own career path — were front and center.

Henry M. Thomas III, president and CEO of the Urban League of Springfield and former chair of the UMass Board



HENRY M.
THOMAS III

of Trustees, was among three honorary degree recipients recognized. And 26-year-old Kevin White received his medical degree as one of the school's inaugural cohort of 19 students who did the bulk of their clinical training at the medical school's 4-year-old satellite campus at Springfield's Baystate Health. He was among more than 250 students from the School of Medicine, the Graduate School of Nursing and the Graduate School

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Kevin White, of Springfield, received his medical degree June 6 as a member of the Class of 2021 at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. White is among the first graduates of the medical school's PURCH (Population-based Urban and Rural Population Health) track to complete studies at the satellite campus at Baystate Health in Springfield.

(ROBERT CARLIN / UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SCHOOL PHOTO)



"Members of this first class are truly trail-blazers."

DR. ANDREW
ARTENSTEIN, CHIEF
ACADEMIC OFFICER,
BAYSTATE HEALTH



Camille Royal, of Springfield, works on a mural on the side of the Mason Square Library in Springfield during a painting block party yesterday. The project is a part of Fresh Paint Springfield 2021. See more photos at Masslive.com. (DAVE ROBACK PHOTO)

SPRINGFIELD

Fresh coat for city's history

Paint festival cuts ribbon on new murals

BY DAVE CANTON
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After a year away due to the pandemic, the Fresh Paint Springfield 201 kicked off June 5 with an ambitious agenda of creating 10 large murals on 10 spaces in the downtown and Mason Square sections of Springfield inside of a week. On Saturday morning the final touches to the last pieces were laid down, ready for an afternoon ribbon-cutting ceremony.

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SPRINGFIELD

Conservancy seeks input in hydro relicensing

Outcome could dictate state of Conn. River for generations



BY JIM KINNEY
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There are, on average, about 300,000 shad migrating on the Connecticut River each spring, according to counts monitored at Holyoke and

reported by the Connecticut River Conservancy.

But there once were, and could one day be, tens of millions of shad in the river, said Andrew Fisk, executive

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A view of the Connecticut River with a reflection of the Springfield skyline on a summer day. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

"The dragonfly has an interest. The shad has an interest. The boater has an interest. The farmer has an interest. The eagle has an interest."

ANDREW FISK, LEFT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER CONSERVANCY

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MASS. DAILY NUMBERS			MASS CASH	
Saturday, June 12			June 12	Not available
	Mid Day 6134	Evening 9702	June 11	3-4-8-14-26
			June 10	5-9-28-30-34
Exact order			MEGABUCKS	
All 4	\$2,763	\$5,481	June 12	Not available
First or last 3	\$387	\$767	Doubler: NA	
Any 2	\$33	\$66	Estimated jackpot: \$1.9 million	
Any 1	\$3	\$6	June 9	1-13-14-30-32-34
Any order			Doubler: 2	
All 4	\$115	\$228	LUCKY FOR LIFE	
First 3	\$64	\$128	June 10	6-8-10-24-43
Last 3	\$64	\$128	Lucky Ball: 15	
Previous numbers drawn			June 7	5-7-18-24-34
Friday	6235	5619	Lucky Ball: 18	
Thursday	5914	8430	POWERBALL	
Wednesday	8438	1262	June 12	Not available
Tuesday	3184	8478	Powerball: NA; Power Play: NA	
Monday	8584	8079	Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	
Sunday	4741	2298	June 9	19-28-46-50-54
MEGA MILLIONS			Powerball: 9; Power Play: 2	
June 11	4-43-56-63-68			
Megaball: 13; Megaplier: 4				
June 8	9-22-39-41-54			
Megaball: 19; Megaplier: 3				

TODAY’S OBITUARIES

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CRIES & WHISPERS

She’s going to Disney!

Watching “Live with Kelly and Ryan” has paid off for a Holyoke woman.
A caller from the Paper City, identified only as **Cynthia**, fielded a trivia question from co-hosts **Kelly Ripa** and **Ryan Seacrest** during the June 1 television broadcast.
After chatting about Ripa’s seasonal allergies and Seacrest stumbling over the correct pronunciation of Holyoke, Cynthia was quizzed about a comment made by actress **Lisa Rinna** during a recent appearance. The caller was asked what is the favorite vegetable Rinna’s husband, **Harry Hamlin**, likes to grow in his garden. The winning answer: broccoli.
Being an avid “Live” watcher meant an upcoming three-day stay at Disney World, a three-day cruise and \$200 gift card — a package valued at \$13,000.

Outgoing gift

Westfield State University Interim President **Roy H. Saigo** and his wife, **Barbara**, recently gifted a scholarship endowment to assist employees in their professional development.
Created through the Westfield State Foundation, the Roy and Barbara Saigo Endowment for Faculty, Librarian and Staff Excellence aims to encourage and assist university employees in their pursuit of scholarly and creative activities, including professional presentations, performances, exhibitions, research, innovative endeavors, and publications.
“During our time at Westfield State, we have witnessed the hundreds of faculty and staff dedicated to student success,” Saigo said. “In recognition of this work and commitment Barbara and I were inspired to establish this scholarship to assist these talented individuals in their professional journeys.”
Saigo will conclude his one-year appointment at the end of the month. President-elect **Linda Thompson** will begin her tenure as Westfield State’s 21st president on July 1.



BARBARA AND ROY SAIGO

“We were thrilled to learn of the Saigos’ generosity to support Westfield State’s faculty and staff in such a significant way,” said **Erica Broman**, executive director of the Westfield State Foundation and Westfield State University vice president for institutional advancement. “The Saigo fund will help enhance scholarship pursuits and endeavors.”

Proud as a peacock

Springfield Technical Community College students **Miranda Kamukala** of Agawam, **Sara Maria** of Ludlow, and **Christopher Goossens** of Hampden were recently interviewed by an NBC News crew for a story about President Joe Biden’s proposal to make community colleges tuition-free. The piece aired on MSNBC on June 3.
The trio spent about three hours with the news crew on a Monday in May, with time spent in interviews with broadcast news reporter **Ali Vitali** and also to shoot B-roll around campus.
“I was very excited,” Kamukala said. “It wasn’t something I had to think about, I was so excited.”



WESTFIELD

Following in her father’s footsteps

Col. Tom ‘Sling’ Bladen, 104th Fighter Wing commander, flew an incentive flight for Natalie Fontenot, daughter of Lt. Col. Morris ‘Moose’ Fontenot Jr. Lt. Col. Fontenot is the 13th name on the F-100 Memorial at Barnes Air National Guard Base that honors those lost in flight. From left, Natalie’s mother Kara, Natalie, Natalie’s sister Nicole and Bladen gather after Natalie’s flight. Natalie Fontenot is a cadet at the Air Force Academy and plans to follow in her father’s footsteps and become an Air Force pilot.
(U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. LINDSEY S. WATSON)



NBC News correspondent Ali Vitali, left, interviews Springfield Technical Community College students Sara Maria, Miranda Kamukala and Chris Goossens on the campus green. ((SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHOTO)

Goossens, who transferred to STCC after a semester at Amherst College, took a course in his first semester at STCC that taught him how to work a video editing program he now uses in a full-time job he loves as a videographer and video producer for a hip-hop YouTube Channel with nearly 600,000 subscribers.
So, when asked if he wanted to participate in a national news segment about STCC he didn’t have to think about it. “It was supercool to see STCC highlighted like that,” he said. “It was a real honor to be on the show to represent STCC because I love it here.”
Maria, who also took part in the interview, said it was an illuminating experience. “I’ve never done anything with national news and I’m interested in marketing and communication, so it’s cool to be on the other side of it,” she said.

Springfield job was Gabe Kaplan’s first

Gabe Kaplan, star of the 1970s sitcom “Welcome Back, Kotter,” reminisced on **Marc Maron’s** WTF podcast recently on how Springfield was where he got his first professional job in show business during the early 1960s.
Kaplan was an 18-year-old high school dropout performing no-pay standup gigs when he met an agent named **Irving Chernoff**, who worked out of the Brill

Building in New York City. “He booked these lower-class clubs in New England,” Kaplan said. “Some of them were dinner clubs, but they usually had a comedian and stripper or a comedian and a belly dancer ... and he finally got me at a job at a place in Springfield, Massachusetts.”
Kaplan worked in strip clubs for weeks, honing his comedic chops as an MC. “The audience was pretty good,” he said. “I was always working on material. You’d get mixed crowds on the weekends, men and women. During the week was mostly guys.”
Part of his duties included driving the dancers from New York to Springfield, which led to some occasional drama.
“One time coming back, this girl was drunk — she grabbed the wheel and tried to kill herself and kill me too,” he said. The situation grew so tense that Kaplan was forced to stop the car and have her arrested.
Kaplan, who in later years became a professional poker player and poker TV commentator, said he knew of few comedians who started out in strip clubs, with the exception of groundbreaking comedian **Richard Pryor**. “That was what we had to talk about,” Kaplan said. “He related to that. He knew nobody else who’d done that, none of the New York comics had done that.”



GABE KAPLAN

CORONAVIRUS

Governors weigh ending emergency orders

By DAVID A. LIEB
Associated Press

New coronavirus infections and deaths in the U.S. are down dramatically from earlier highs, though more contagious variants are spreading. Most people are now are at least partially vaccinated, yet lingering hesitancy has slowed the pace and even caused some doses to go to waste.
So is the COVID-19 emergency over, or is it continuing?
That’s the question facing residents and business owners in many states as governors decide whether to end or extend emergency declarations that have allowed them to restrict public gatherings and businesses, mandate masks, sidestep normal purchasing rules and deploy National Guard troops to help administer vaccines.
In many states, those emergency declarations have been routinely extended by governors every few weeks or months since the pandemic began. But those decisions are getting harder to make

Massachusetts has been in an indefinite state of emergency for 15 months. But Gov. Charlie Baker has said that will come to an end Tuesday. He credited the state’s high vaccination rate with helping turn the tide in the fight against the coronavirus.
— and the extensions harder to justify — as circumstances improve and state lawmakers press to restore a balance of power.
Already, governors, lawmakers or judges have ended emergency declarations in more than a half-dozen states. That includes South Carolina and New Hampshire, where Republican governors halted their emergency orders this past week.
More could join that list soon. About half the states had emergency orders set to expire before the Fourth of July.
And over a dozen additional states have open-ended emergency orders, which could be canceled at any time by governors.
Massachusetts has been in an indefinite state of emer-

eligible residents receive at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine — a threshold the state is close to reaching.
In many states, Republicans are leading the push to end emergency declarations, though it’s not entirely partisan.
Some Democrats also have supported such moves, and some Republican governors have continued their emergency declarations. That includes Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, who extended an emergency declaration through July 4.
Hawaii Gov. David Ige, a Democrat, recently renewed his emergency declaration for 60 more days, through Aug. 6. The tourist-dependent state, which imposed quarantines on travelers that effectively shut down the tourism industry, has the nation’s lowest per capita COVID-19 case rate since the pandemic began and the highest unemployment rate. While some might cite that as a reason to lift emergency orders, Ige said it is too soon to do so.

UMass

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of Biomedical Sciences to receive degrees.

Chancellor Michael F. Collins said it was fitting that this year’s in-person commencement ceremony — following last year’s virtual event due to COVID-19 — honored two of Springfield’s finest citizens.

“It represents a convergence of a lot of wonderful things,” Collins said, noting Thomas’ support for the school of medicine’s satellite program known as Population-based Urban and Rural Population Health (PURCH) track, attended by White.

“It’s a pure joy to honor both of them.

“He’s an outstanding young man,” Collins said of White, adding that gaining acceptance into the highly competitive school requires excellent grades and character.

White now heads to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, where he will serve in the U.S. Navy as a resident in primary medicine. It meant White received both his medical degree and his naval commission as an ensign on the same day.

As a former UMass board chair, Thomas has been a champion of UMass Medical School, the state’s first and only public academic health and science center, Collins says. Thomas was also instrumental in the creation of the Baystate Health satellite program known as the PURCH track, he notes.

“There was talk of opening a satellite for 40 years. As chairman of the board, I asked then-UMass president Robert Caret to help me.”

Henry M. Thomas III

“There was talk of opening a satellite for 40 years,” says Thomas. “As chairman of the board, I asked then-UMass president Robert Caret to help me.”

Caret, who previously had developed a satellite campus in downtown Baltimore for Towson University, helped make the idea of a Springfield medical school a reality.

“We could do that here. I want you to help me do it,” Thomas recalls of his conversation with Caret. “A team of strong leaders with a can-do spirit is what was needed.”

Chancellor Collins was on the same wavelength.

Collins has high praise for the Baystate medical faculty members who trained students in the PURCH program. The medical school had already had an affiliation with Baystate through Tufts Medical Center before the Springfield satellite campus was established. “The



Kevin White, left, of Springfield, is seen during the University of Massachusetts Medical School awards ceremony in Worcester. At right, Maria Navarro receives the Kristen M. Etensohn Memorial Award. Both White and Navarro, along with receiving their medical degrees, also received their commissions as ensigns in the Navy. (ROBERT CARLIN / UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SCHOOL PHOTO)

beauty for us was that it was already a teaching hospital,” Collins said. “And we had a very proficient faculty.”

Students admitted to UMass Medical School can check a box that they are interested in the PURCH track. The goal is to admit 20% of the class into the track. There were 19 in first cohort, and the goal is to increase the number to 25.

“Members of this first class are truly trailblazers,” said Dr. Andrew Arstenstein, chief physician executive and chief academic officer at Baystate Health. “They were already highly accomplished in college and in life when they chose UMass Medical School over other top schools including Harvard.

“They took a chance on a new regional campus, deciding that working with underserved populations was a good fit for their goals in medicine,” he said. “And they put their trust in us.”

A special feature of the PURCH track is a partnership with non-physicians who work in community based social service agencies, including homeless shelters, day care centers and jails, Arstenstein said.

Through those experiences the students become better doctors, Arstenstein and others believe. “It’s not all about diagnosing sickness,” he said. “It’s understanding what people go through and how they can impact their patients’ lives.”

Of this first group of graduates, added Arstenstein, “They taught our faculty as much as we taught them. They are extraordinary.”

Members of the PURCH cohort are heading to top-level residency programs. Four of the new MDs will stay at Baystate Health for residency, much to the delight of the faculty who worked with them.

Baystate Health spent \$2 million to build out the PURCH track medical school space, renovating 6,300 square feet of the Pioneer Valley Life Sciences

Institute at 3601 Main St. in the city’s North End. The facility includes classroom space and seven interview rooms.

The PURCH track is a patient-centered and team-based program aimed at narrowing health care disparities in urban and rural populations. The students and their instructors formed partnerships with organizations like Square One, the

Martin Luther King Center, homeless shelters and the Hampden County Correctional Center, among others.

UMass Medical School is continuing its commitment to the PURCH program as its first graduates head off to careers in medicine, according to Collins.

Thomas, too, says he will continue to promote the PURCH program and celebrate the good work its



CHANCELLOR MICHAEL F. COLLINS

students have done in the community.

White said he and his student colleagues and faculty, who make up part of a learning circle known as “Brightwood” for one of the neighborhoods it serves, learned a lot from community leaders when they began their studies in Springfield.

Interactions with neighborhood community leaders helped him understand that being a good doctor means listening to your patients and their feelings about health care they have received. He said, “I’ve learned so much from them.”

White, who was born at Baystate Medical Center and is a graduate of Sabis International Charter School, was among four of the students in the inaugural PURCH class to be from Springfield or nearby communities.

When Thomas, who also received an honorary degree from Nichols College this

spring, joined the Urban League of Springfield in 1974, at the age of 25, he became the nation’s youngest appointed leader of a National Urban League affiliate.

A native of Springfield, Thomas founded the New Leadership Council Charter School, established Step Up Springfield, was the first African-American to chair the Springfield Police and Fire commissions and previously led Camp Atwater in North Brookfield, the oldest overnight camp for African American youth in the United States.

After his appointment to the UMass Board of Trustees by Gov. Deval Patrick in 2007, Thomas distinguished himself with a 13-year tenure, including two-and-a-half years as board chair. Thomas earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from American International College and his law degree from Western New England University School of Law.

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DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Saudi Arabia limits pilgrimage

Saudi Arabia announced yesterday this year's hajj pilgrimage will be limited to no more than 60,000 people, all from within the kingdom, due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The announcement by the kingdom comes after it ran a pared-down pilgrimage last year over the virus, but allowed a small number of faithful to take part in the ceremony.

A statement on the state-run Saudi Press Agency quoted the kingdom's Hajj and Umrah Ministry making the announcement. It said this year's hajj, which will begin in mid-July, will be limited to those ages 18 to 65.

Those taking part must be vaccinated as well, the ministry said.

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

Bombs kill at least 7 in capital

Separate bombs hit two minivans in a mostly Shiite neighborhood in the Afghan capital yesterday, killing at least seven people and wounding six others, the Interior Ministry said.

The attacks targeted minivans on the same road about 1.25 miles apart in a neighborhood in western Kabul, Interior Ministry deputy spokesman Ahmad Zia Zia, said.

It wasn't immediately clear what type of bombs were used and no one immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks.

The first explosion of yesterday's attack killed six people and wounded two and the second explosion in front of Muhammad Ali Jinnah hospital, where a majority of COVID-19 patients are admitted, killed one and wounded four.

TEHRAN, IRAN

Political fissures exposed in debate

Iran held a final presidential debate yesterday that showed the fissures within the Islamic Republic's politics, as hard-liners referred to those seeking ties to the West as "infiltrators" and the race's two other candidates brought up the unrest that surrounded Tehran's disputed 2009 election.

Analysts and state-linked polling put hard-line judiciary chief Ebrahim Raisi as the clear front-runner in Friday's upcoming vote, with the public now largely hostile to the relative moderate President Hassan Rouhani after the collapse of Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

The election Friday will see voters pick a candidate to replace Rouhani, who is term limited from running again. The vote comes amid tensions with the West as negotiations continue to try and resuscitate the nuclear deal, which saw Iran agree to limit its enrichment of uranium in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions.

CARBIS BAY, ENGLAND

Biden presses for stronger stance by allies on China

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE, AAMER MADHANI AND JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

Leaders of the world's largest economies unveiled an infrastructure plan yesterday for the developing world to compete with China's global initiatives, but they were searching for a consensus on how to forcefully to call out Beijing over human rights abuses.

Citing China for its forced labor practices is part of President Joe Biden's campaign to persuade fellow democratic leaders to present a more unified front to compete economically with Beijing. But while they agreed to work toward competing against China, there was less unity on how adversarial a public position the group should take.

Canada, the United Kingdom and France largely endorsed Biden's position, while Germany, Italy and the European Union showed more hesitancy during yesterday's first session of the Group of Seven summit, according to two senior Biden administration officials.

The officials who briefed reporters were not authorized to publicly discuss the private meeting and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The communique that summarizes the meeting's commitments was being written and the contents would not be clear until it was released when the summit ended today.

White House officials said late yesterday that they believed that China, in some form, could be called out for "nonmarket policies and human rights abuses."

In his first summit as president, Biden made a point of carving out one-on-one-time with the leaders, bouncing from French president Emmanuel Macron to German chancellor Angela Merkel to Italian prime minister Mario Draghi, a day after meeting with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson as if to personally try to ward off memories of the chaos that his predecessor would often bring to these gatherings.

Macron told Biden that

collaboration was needed on a range of issues and told the American president that "it's great to have a U.S. president part of the club and very willing to cooperate."

Relations between the allies had become strained during the four years of Donald Trump's presidency and his "America first" foreign policy.

Merkel, for her part, downplayed differences on China and the Nord Stream 2 pipeline which would transport natural gas from Russia to Germany, bypassing Ukraine.

"The atmosphere is very cooperative, it is characterized by mutual interest," Merkel said. "There are very good, constructive and very vivid discussions in the sense that one wants to work together."

White House officials have said Biden wants the leaders of the G-7 nations — the U.S., Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and Italy — to speak in a single voice against forced labor practices targeting China's Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic minorities.

Biden hopes the denunciation will be part of a joint statement to be released today when the summit ends, but some European allies are reluctant to split so forcefully with Beijing.

China had become one of the more compelling subplots of the wealthy nations' summit, their first since 2019. Last year's gathering was canceled because of COVID-19, and recovery from the pandemic is dominating this year's discussions, with leaders expected to commit to sharing at least 1 billion vaccine shots with struggling countries.

The allies also took the first steps in presenting an infrastructure proposal called "Build Back Better for the World," a name echoing Biden's campaign slogan. The plan calls for spending hundreds of billions of dollars in collaboration with the private sector while adhering to climate standards and labor practices.

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Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson, center, with from left, Australia's Prime Minister Scott Morrison, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa, South Korea's President Moon Jae-in, U.S. President Joe Biden, French President Emmanuel Macron and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at the G-7 summit in Cornwall, England, yesterday. (LEON NEAL / POOL VIA AP)

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\$28M wins space flight with Bezos

An auction for a ride into space next month alongside Jeff Bezos and his brother ended with a winning \$28 million bid yesterday.

The Amazon founder’s rocket company, Blue Origin, did not disclose the winner’s name. The identity will be revealed closer to the brief flight on July 20, the 52nd anniversary of Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin’s moon landing.

It will be the first launch of Blue Origin’s New Shepard rocket with people on board. Fifteen previous test flights of the reusable rocket and capsule since 2015 — short hops lasting about 10 minutes — were all successful.

More than 20 bidders took part in the auction yesterday. Bezos announced Monday that he and his brother, Mark, would be on board New Shepard’s first crew flight.

WASHINGTON

HIV infections declined by 73%

HIV infections have dropped 73% nationwide since peaking in the mid-1980s, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

New infections numbered 20,000 in 1981, reaching 130,400 in 1984 before declining to 34,800 by 2019, the CDC reported recently. If untreated, an HIV infection can lead to AIDS.

In the 40 years since the onset of the AIDS epidemic, 2.2 million people 13 and older in the U.S. have developed an HIV infection.

Today, about 1.2 million people in the country are living with HIV, the CDC says. While there is no effective cure for HIV, there are treatments that can keep it in check as a chronic, manageable condition.

ORLANDO, FLA.

Nightclub to be national memorial

President Joe Biden said on the fifth anniversary of a mass shooting at the Pulse Nightclub in Orlando that he will sign a bill naming the site as a national memorial.

The deadliest attack on the LGBTQ community in U.S. history left 49 people dead and 53 people wounded. Biden said in a statement yesterday he has “stayed in touch with families of the victims and with the survivors who have turned their pain into purpose” and described the club as “hallowed ground.”

The president emphasized that the country must do more to reduce gun violence, and said the nation must acknowledge that gun violence has hurt LGBTQ community members. “We must drive out hate and inequities that contribute to the epidemic of violence and murder against transgender women — especially transgender women of color,” Biden said.

CHICAGO

By KATHLEEN FOODY
Associated Press

Two people were killed and at least 30 others wounded in mass shootings Friday night and Saturday morning in three states, authorities said yesterday, stoking concerns that a spike in U.S. gun violence could continue into summer as coronavirus restrictions ease and more people are free to socialize.

The attacks took place in the Texas capital of Austin, Chicago and Savannah, Georgia.

In Austin, authorities arrested one suspect and are searching for another in a shooting early yesterday on a crowded pedestrian-only street packed with bars and restaurants.

Fourteen people were wounded, including two critically, in the gunfire, which the city’s interim police chief said is believed to have started as a dispute between two parties.

In Chicago, a woman was killed and nine other people were wounded when two men opened fire on a group standing on a sidewalk in the Chatham neighborhood on the city’s South Side.

The shooters also got away and hadn’t been identified by mid-afternoon Saturday.

In the south Georgia city of Savannah, police said one man was killed and seven other people were wounded in a mass shooting Friday evening, police said.

Two of the wounded are children — an 18-month-old and a 13-year-old.

Savannah’s police chief, Roy Minter, Jr., said the shooting may be linked to an ongoing



Savannah Police Chief Roy Minter holds a news conference yesterday in Savannah, Ga. Officials say a 20-year-old was killed by gunfire in a mass shooting that also injured eight others, including an 18-month-old toddler and a 13-year-old, late Friday at an apartment complex. No suspects have been arrested. (WSAV VIA AP)

dispute between two groups, citing reports of gunshots being fired at the same apartment complex earlier in the week.

“It’s very disturbing what we’re seeing across the country and the level of gun violence that we’re seeing across the country,” he told reporters yesterday.

“It’s disturbing and it’s senseless.”

The attacks come amid an easing of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions in much of the country, including Chicago, which lifted many of its remaining safeguards on Friday. Many hoped that a spike in U.S. shootings and homicides last year was an aberration perhaps caused by pandemic-related stress amid a rise in gun ownership and debate over policing. But those rates are still higher than they

were in pre-pandemic times, including in cities that refused to slash police spending following the death of George Floyd and those that made modest cuts.

“There was a hope this might simply be a statistical blip that would start to come down,” said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum. “That hasn’t happened. And that’s what really makes chiefs worry that we may be entering a new period where we will see a reversal of 20 years of declines in these crimes.”

Tracking ups and downs in crime is always complicated, but violent crime commonly increases in the summer months. Weekend evenings and early-morning hours also are common windows for shootings.

China

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It’s designed to compete with China’s trillion-dollar “Belt and Road Initiative,” which has launched a network of projects and maritime lanes that snake around large portions of the world, primarily Asia and Africa. Critics say China’s projects often create massive debt and expose nations to undue influence by Beijing.

Britain also wants the world’s democracies to become less reliant on the Asian economic giant. The U.K. government said yesterday’s discussions would tackle “how we can shape the global system to deliver for our people in support of our values,” including by diversifying supply chains that currently heavily depend on China.

Not every European power has viewed China in as harsh a light as Biden, who has painted the rivalry with China as the defining competition for the 21st century. But there are some signs that Europe is willing to impose greater scrutiny.

Before Biden took office in January, the European Com-

mission announced it had come to terms with Beijing on a deal meant to provide Europe and China with greater access to each other’s markets.

The Biden administration had hoped to have consultations on the pact.

But the deal has been put on hold, and the European Union in March announced sanctions targeting four Chinese officials involved with human rights abuses in Xinjiang.

Beijing responded with penalties on several members of the European Parliament and other Europeans critical of the Chinese Communist Party.

Biden administration officials see an opportunity to take concrete action to speak out against China’s reliance on forced labor as an “affront to human dignity.”

While calling out China in the G-7 communique would not create any immediate penalties for Beijing, one senior administration official said that the action would send a message that the leaders were serious about defending human rights and working together to eradicate the use of forced labor.

Rash of mass shootings stirs US fears

Many types of crime did decline in 2020 and have stayed lower this year, suggesting the pandemic and the activism and unrest spurred by the reaction to Floyd’s death didn’t lead to an overall spike in crime.

The 17 mass shootings in 2020 was the lowest annual total in a decade, according to a database compiled by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University. The database tracks all mass killings including shootings, defined as four or more people dead not including the perpetrator.

According to that definition, there have been 17 mass killings, 16 of those shootings, already this year, said James Alan Fox, a criminologist and professor at Northeastern University.

The Gun Violence Archive, which monitors media and police reports to track gun

violence, defines mass shootings as those involving four or more people who were shot, regardless of whether they died.

Overall, according to its database, more than 8,700 people have died of gun violence in the U.S. this year.

The GVA also found that mass shootings spiked in 2020 to about 600, which was higher than in any of the previous six years it tracked the statistic.

According to this year’s count, there have been at least 267 mass shootings in the U.S. so far, including the latest three overnight Friday into Saturday.

“It’s worrisome,” Fox said. “We have a blend of people beginning to get out and about in public.

“We have lots of divisive-ness. And we have more guns and warm weather. It’s a potentially deadly mix.”

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River

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director of the Connecticut River Conservancy.

One problem is that the fish ladder at Turners Falls was built for stronger swimming salmon and shad can't get up them.

"Shad are lazy," Fisk said.

Also baby fish get sucked into the Northfield Mountain Pumped Hydro Storage Station and pumped with water to the upper reservoir where they die.

Fisk said entire ecosystems, as well as recreation and riverside farms, suffer because hydroelectric plants seeking to maximize revenue generate more power when demand and prices are high. That means holding back water until the time is right and it means large fluctuations in water levels.

The Connecticut River Conservancy says all these issues, along with recreational access and funding, need to be hashed out starting in September as the state begins its water quality review for the three of the five plants located in Massachusetts.

The three, all owned by FirstLight Power, are Cabot Generating Station and Turners Falls Station, both in Montague, and the Northfield Mountain Pumped Hydro Storage Station.

The Connecticut River Conservancy calls on the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to sit down and sort out all the issues. The time is short because despite a federal relicensing process that drags on for years the, state review is a 12-month process — and the stakes are high because its a 40-year-license.

The outcome could dictate the state of the river from Vermont and New Hampshire through Holyoke and Springfield to Long Island Sound for generations, Fisk said.

"The dragonfly has an interest. The shad has an interest.



The Turners Falls bridge, dam and fishway at FirstLight Power Resources in Montague. A new entrance for upstream migrating fish was constructed in September at a cost of \$750,000 to assist migrating shad and other fish making their way to the upper reaches of the Connecticut River. (KARL MEYER PHOTO)

The boater has an interest. The farmer has an interest. The eagle has an interest."

Fisk said the conservancy would like to see dams on the river not hold water back to generate more power at peak times but instead operate more like Holyoke Gas & Electric, utilizing the flow of the Connecticut as it comes along and as best it can.

Turners Falls Station is the smallest, built in 1905 with a capacity of just 6 megawatts. The Cabot station downriver was built in 1915 and has 62 megawatts of capacity. It's the largest conventional hydro-power station in the state, FirstLight said.

The pumped storage facility makes use of power that's available when demand is low to pump water up the mountain and then release it down through the turbines when demand for power is high. It has 1,200 megawatts of capacity and is the largest energy storage facility in New England.

All told, that's enough power to supply 1.3 million average homes, FirstLight said.

"They are carbon free energy generation," said Len Greene, director of government affairs and communications for FirstLight. "You are not seeing new hydro facilities being built in New England. I don't think that is going to happen."

And with the state turning more and more to intermittent green energy, a storage facility like Northfield Mountain has the potential to be even more valuable. It's a giant battery that helps make technologies like offshore wind and solar more viable as a peak-demand energy source.

"I think people need to understand that we are lucky to have them in New England," he said.

FirstLight has a proposal on the table, Greene said, with \$200 million in capital costs and in opportunities to earn revenue it would forgo.

That includes, he said, netting at Northfield Mountain to keep fish out of the system.

Other capital projects include enlarging the upper reservoir at Northfield so it can hold more water and thus more energy, and replacing the fish ladder in Turners Falls with a lift that shad and species that migrate downstream, like eels, can use easier.

At the dams on the river, FirstLight is open to talk about moving away from peaking and toward the sort of flow-of-the-river water-in-water-out operation the Connecticut River Conservancy advocates. But he said it's a negotiation and he doesn't know where things will land.

"We are trying to find a

The pumped storage facility makes use of power that's available when demand is low to pump water up the mountain and then release it down through the turbines when demand for power is high.

solution to the run-of-river concept that Connecticut River Conservancy is pushing," he said

Greene said FirstLight disagrees with the erosion issue.

The company commissioned its own study that says FirstLight operations, particularly Northfield, don't contribute to erosion.

Fisk said the fluctuating

water levels pull water in and out of soils, leading to erosion.

Staff from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Conservation were not available to comment Friday.

Greene said FirstLight wants to work with them, and with the conservancy and others.

"We've said publicly and privately, our interest is in getting a settlement," Greene said. "Our preference is absolutely to reach a settlement."

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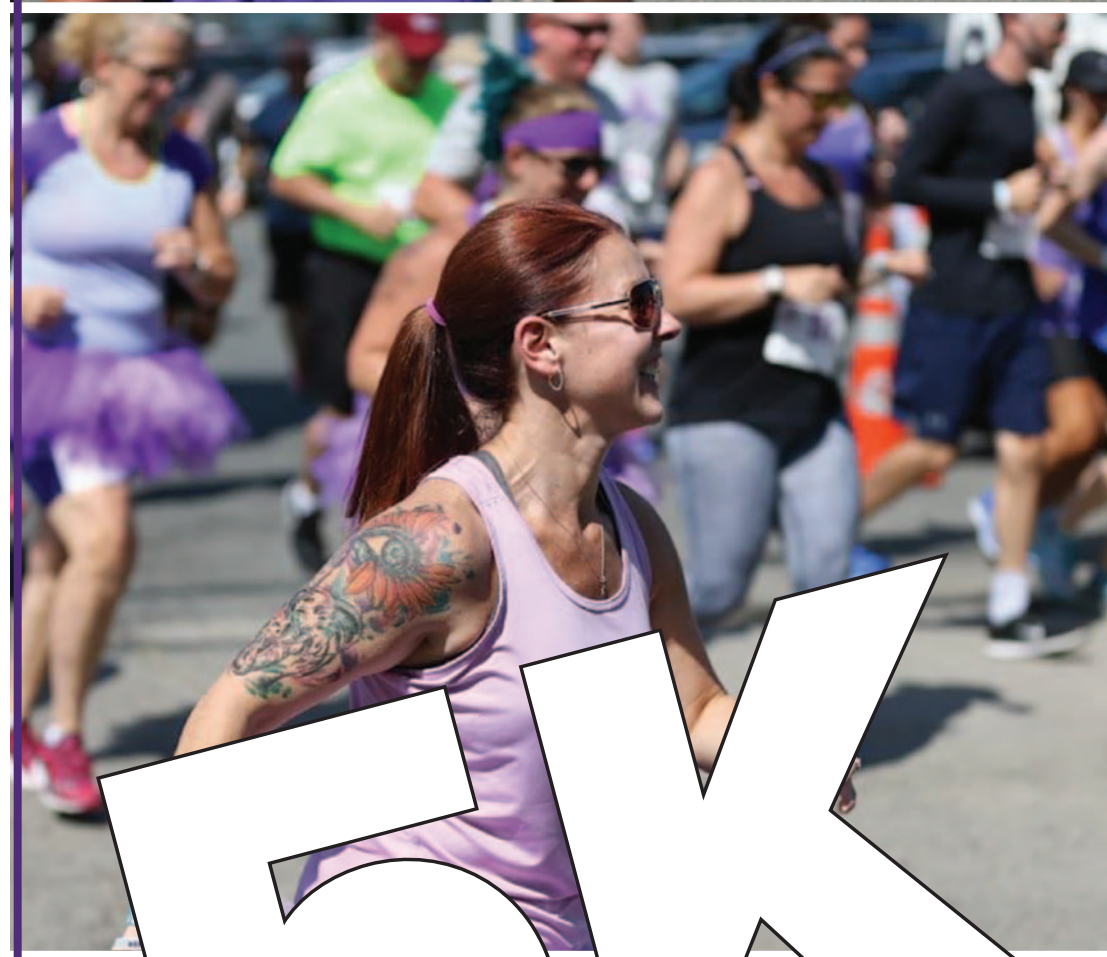
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WASHINGTON

Dems seek balance to curb drug prices

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

Democrats are committed to passing legislation this year to curb prescription drug prices, but they're still disagreeing on how to cut costs for patients and taxpayers while preserving profits that lure investors to back potentially promising treatments.

It boils down to finding a balance: How big a stick should Medicare have to negotiate prices with pharmaceutical companies?

With hundreds of billions of dollars in potential savings, the stakes are enormous. Medicare spends upward of \$200 billion a year on prescription drugs, a category that keeps growing as costly new drugs enter the market.

The powerful and deep-pocketed drug industry lobby is closely engaged. Already, ads are stirring fears that government price controls will squelch development of breakthrough treatments.

An Alzheimer's medication approved this past week comes with a price of \$56,000 a year, for example, and co-payments could skyrocket for patients who use it.

A successful bill would advance a key plank of President Joe Biden's domestic agenda even as Democrats struggle to make progress on other fronts.

Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices consistently wins strong public support in opinion polls.

In the House, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., is steering legislation that imposes a steep tax on drugmakers that refuse to deal with Medicare, while using an average of prices in other economically advanced countries as a reference point for fair rates here.

Pelosi's bill would limit price increases and allow private health plans to receive Medicare's negotiated rates.

In the Senate, Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden, D-Ore, is also working to craft legislation. His starting point is a less ambitious bipartisan bill from a previous Congress. It would have limited price increases for drugs already on the market, but not initial prices. It would have capped Medicare recipients' out-of-pocket costs for pharmacy drugs, which is in the Pelosi bill.

Wyden said he personally is convinced that "it's long past time to give Medicare the authority to negotiate better prices for prescription drugs."

But cajoling enough votes in the Senate is another matter. It's unclear whether

"Democrats are going to pass Medicare prescription drug reform and I'm going to be part of it."

Rep. Jake Auchincloss, D-Mass.

Wyden can even count on all the Democrats in the divided chamber or whether any Republicans would sign on.

Progressives such as Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., want to use Medicare's savings to create new benefits for dental, vision and hearing coverage. That would represent an historic expansion of a program that's under a lengthening financial shadow, its giant inpatient trust fund projected to be in the red in 2026.

Democrats are talking privately among themselves and organizing coalitions around different approaches. In public, they still sound like they can overcome their differences.

"Democrats are going to pass Medicare prescription drug reform and I'm going to be part of it," Rep. Jake Auchincloss, D-Mass., told The Associated Press. The first-term lawmaker has raised concerns that Pelosi's approach is not a negotiation but a price control system. His voice matters because Auchincloss is helping lead a group of like-minded Democrats, and Pelosi can't afford to lose many votes.

The powerful and deep-pocketed drug industry lobby is closely engaged. Already, ads are stirring fears that government price controls will squelch development of breakthrough treatments.

Stephen Ubl, CEO of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, said the industry wants to see lower out-of-pocket costs for patients, and believes that insurers and companies that manage prescription benefits must be scrutinized as well.

"We would like to see a balanced drug pricing bill emerge from the Congress this year," Ubl told AP in a recent interview. He later added that "our industry understands that there is going to be some pain involved in the process."

But so far the industry has given no indication that it's willing to accept Medicare negotiations or significant curbs to its pricing power.

Health economist Len Nichols, who has advised Democrats in health care policy debates, said there is a logic

behind the basic elements of Pelosi's approach.

"You've got to have that reference price that is somewhat objective as a basis for negotiation, and then you have to have a way to compel the drug companies to come to the table," he said. "It's directionally correct."

That said, getting the balance right would be critical.

"We've just experienced an amazing example of incredibly effective innovation," Nichols said, referring to COVID-19 vaccines that have pushed back a deadly pandemic in this country. "Innovation is important, and the structure of any bargaining arrangement has to balance the need for affordability with the need to incentivize innovation."

The industry's success with COVID-19 vaccines comes with a big asterisk: Taxpayers have invested about \$20 billion in research and development, manufacturing, and supply of vaccine candidates. That's according to estimates by the nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, which advocates for reducing federal deficits. Still, the money went to companies that knew what they were doing and they delivered.

Joshua Gordon, director of health policy for the budget group, said there is a clear trade-off between restraining drug prices and reducing incentives for innovation. But that doesn't mean a better balance can't be found.

"Obviously the government creates a market for drugs through patents and (Food and Drug Administration) exclusivity, and there are clearly areas where the companies are taking advantage," he said.

Lawmakers aren't necessarily tied to the approaches now on the table, Gordon added. They could follow of the example of Germany, where drugmakers set the initial price of a medication, but then a review process determines if it's worth to keep paying that.

One of Pelosi's top lieutenants said recently that he is open to discussing different approaches, but they have to include negotiating authority for Medicare.

"We can't veer away from the basic idea that the government ... should have the right to negotiate prices," Rep. Frank Pallone, D-N.J., said on a call sponsored by the advocacy group Protect Our Care. "I believe that the Democrats as a whole and some of the Republicans in the Senate will vote for that."



Democrats are committed to passing legislation this year to curb prescription drug prices, but disagree on how to cut costs for patients while preserving profits that lure investors to back potentially promising treatments.

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ADAMS, Shawn P. Calling Hours, June 15, 2021 from 4-6PM Charbonneau Funeral Home in Ware.	FACEY, Donald Lee Calling hour Tues., June 15th from 10:00 - 11:15 AM at Byron Keenan F.H., 1858 Allen Street, Springfield. Masonic Service beginning at 11:15AM followed by a funeral home service starting at 11:30 AM. Burial and Military Honors to conclude at 2:00 PM at Mass Vet's memorial Cemetery, Agawam.	GENDREAU SR, George E George's funeral mass will be held Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 11:30 AM at St. Thomas Church with burial in the Mass Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. A calling hour will be 10-11 AM at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, 1043 Westfield St., West Springfield.	IELLAMO, Joseph Family and friends are invited to visit Tuesday, June 15, 4-5:30 p.m., with a 5:30 p.m. prayer service at Tazzini Funeral Home, 22 Locust St., Springfield. Burial at the convenience of his family.	SMITH, Mamie L. Funeral service Mon., June 14, 2021. Wake walkthrough 10-11 AM followed by services at 11:00 AM. Henderson Funeral Home 52 Hancock St. Springfield MA, 01109. www.hendersonsfh.com
BEGGS, James G. Tuesday 8:45am at Agawam Curran Jones, 745 Cooper St. Mass at 9:45 at Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills. Burial MA Veterans Cemetery. Calling hours Monday 4-7pm	FIORAVANTI, Donald G. A service will be held at Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam on June 14, 2021 at 2:00 PM.	GILSINGER, Richard F. Visitation Mon. 12:30PM. New England Funeral & Cremation Center, LLC, 25 Mill St., Springfield, MA. Service 1:45PM. Burial MA VET MEM CEM. www.nefcc.net	MCCLEAN, Dorothy Family and friends are invited to a Graveside service on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at Oak Grove Cemetery at 10:30 AM.	STRYCHARZ, George S. A memorial service will be held at Oak Ridge Golf Club on June 15th at 10am. For online condolences please visit curranjones.com.
CARDWELL, Kenneth D. Visitation 9AM-11AM, WED. June 16, 2021. Ceremonies 11AM starting in funeral home. 12NOON funeral mass St. Mary's Church, Longmeadow. Burial Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Springfield to follow.	FITZGERALD, Donald D. Funeral Liturgy, Mon 6/14, 11am St. Mary's Longmeadow. Burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield	GRECO, Dr. Nicholas J. Calling hrs Mon. June 14th from 4-7pm, at the funeral home. Additional calling hrs at Keefe Funeral Home on Tue. June 15 from 4-7 PM. Mass at St. Agnes Parish, Wed. at 11:30 AM	MULLEN, Shirley M. Service will 6/15 at 11 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, Springfield.	TEIXEIRA, Karen A. Celebration of Life on 6/13 from 1-5pm at the Elks Lodge #61, Springfield. Liturgy at 2pm.
DANIELE, Rosa Visiting hours, 2-5pm Sun. 6/13. Forastiere Smith FH, E. Long. Funeral 7:45, Mon 6/14. Funeral mass, 9am Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Spfld. Burial at Gate of Heaven Spfld.		MULLEN, Shirley M. Service will 6/15 at 11 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, Springfield.	ROSBERG, Anne Marie Memorial celebration on 6/14 at Bethlehem Church, Hampden. Condolences & fellowship at 9am, Service at 10am.	WIGHT, Emily J. Visitation, Sun June 12, 1-4pm at Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home.

Peter Paul Gazda

1952 - 2020



NORTH PORT, FL

Peter P. Gazda, 68, of North Port, Florida and a former resident of Chicopee, passed away on Thursday, June 18, 2020. He was born in Holyoke on March 12, 1952, a son of the late Paul and Helen (Bolko) Gazda. He graduated in 1970 from South Hadley High School and went on to play football as a defensive tackle for the AIC Yellow Jackets and graduated in 1975. Peter had a long and successful career, first working for Atlas Copco and then as an account manager in the transportation industry. He most recently worked for A. Duie Pyle for 17 years and retired in 2018. Peter was an avid sports fan. He loved football, watching the Boston Red Sox, and especially loved to play golf. Peter leaves his loving wife and best friend of 44 years, Susan J. (Krajnak) Gazda, his two loving daughters, Tracy Krynick and her husband, Greg, of Marlborough, CT and Stephanie Gazda and her partner, Jack Butler, of Winthrop; his cherished granddaughter whom he dearly adored, Addison Krynick; his brother, Michael Gazda and his wife, Diane, of Punta Gorda, Florida; his two sisters-in-law, Elizabeth Gazda of West Springfield and Bernadette (Krajnak) Fernandes of South Hadley; his stepbrothers, Rudolph Kuc and his wife, Patricia, of South Hadley and John Kuc and his wife, Diane, of Ludlow; his stepister, Alice Partanen and her husband, William, of Florida; his stepister-in-law, Patricia Kuc of Chicopee; and his many dear nephews, nieces, cousins, numerous friends and extended family and friends. Besides his parents, Peter was predeceased by his stepmother, Sophie (Kuc) Gazda; his brother, Paul Gazda, his stepbrother, William Kuc; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joseph and Anna Krajnak; his three brothers-in-law, Joseph Krajnak, John Griffin and Cesar Fernandes; and his sister-in-law, Ann (Krajnak) Griffin. His relatives and friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 10 a.m. at Saint Anne Church, 30 College Street, Chicopee, MA 01020. His burial will follow the Mass at Mater Dolorosa Cemetery, 152 Pittroff Avenue, South Hadley, MA 01075. There are no visiting hours at the St. Pierre - Phaneuf Fairview Chapels, (413-533-3307), 506 Britton Street, Chicopee, MA 01020. His family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his name to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute/The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226 or the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701. For more details and to leave his family condolence messages, please visit: www.stpierrephaneuf.com



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Holy Spirit, You who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You, who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you, who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer three consecutive days without asking your wish. After third day wish will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted. I will never stop trusting in God and His power.

Dr. Richard Norman Pratte

1929 - 2021



FLAGSTAFF, AZ

Dr. Richard Norman Pratte ("Dick"), age 91, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2021, at his home in Flagstaff, Arizona. He was born in Norwich, CT, on September 8, 1929. He graduated from Norwich Free Academy in 1947 and joined the U.S. Army, serving in Japan until 1949. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from American International College in Springfield, MA, and was awarded a Ph.D. in Philosophy of Education from the University of Connecticut. He was an outstanding football player in high school and college and played in a competitive basketball league for the U.S. Army while stationed in Japan. Dick also served as a U.S. Air Force reservist in Iceland from 1952-53. Dick's passion for teaching and coaching lasted a lifetime. He began his career teaching at Agawam (MA) High School and coaching the football team. He then taught at the University of Bridgeport, the University of Akron, and was for 22 years a Professor of Education at The Ohio State University, where he became (and remained for the rest of his life) a devoted Buckeye fan. Dick was a distinguished academic and talented administrator who published seven books and over 55 articles. He served as President of the Philosophy of Education Society of North America and President of the American Council of Learned Societies in Education. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from AIC and the Excellence in Research Award from OSU's College of Education. Dick and his wife Janet built their retirement home close by the Atlantic Ocean in Carolina Beach, near Wilmington, NC. He continued adjunct teaching at UNC Wilmington and put education theory into practice by supervising high school student teachers in southeastern North Carolina and chairing the New Hanover County Schools Advisory Council for the Improvement of Gifted Education. An avid reader of history, he enjoyed tending the yard and spending time at the beach perfecting his body surfing skills. Dick was preceded in death by his loving wife of over 60 years, Janet, son Thomas, and sisters Florence and Lorraine. He is survived by his children Lorraine (Jacob), Dianne (Bob), Gil (Janet), and grandchildren Emma, Kyle, Ben, Alex, Liana and Elyssa. He was most proud of giving his children a solid and wholesome foundation for their journey in life. He was happiest spending time with his family, especially when all gathered in Carolina Beach. The memories there will last forever. Memories and condolences can be shared with family online at www.norvelowensmortuary.com

Kenneth D. Cardwell

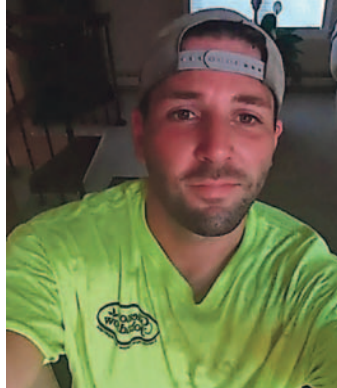
1936 - 2020

SARASOTA, FLORIDA
Funeral Services for Kenneth D. Cardwell will begin with calling hours from 9:00AM-11:00AM on Wednesday June 16, 2021 in the Forastiere Funeral and Cremation Services, 220 North Main St. , East Longmeadow. Ceremonies take place at 11:00AM in the funeral home with a procession to St. Mary's Church, 519 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow for a 12:00NOON funeral liturgy. Burial will follow in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, in Springfield. www.forastiere.com



Thomas A. Gamelli, Jr.

1985 - 2021



LUDLOW

Thomas Anthony Gamelli Jr. 36, of Ludlow passed away on Saturday May 29th, 2021. He was born in Springfield, MA to Thomas and Denise (Ricci) Gamelli. Tommy, as he was fondly called, was educated in the Ludlow Public Schools, attended STCC for Graphic Design, and completed his education at Lasell University earning his BA in Graphic Arts in 2009. Tommy greatly enjoyed working at CSW Graphic Design and he thought highly of his coworkers. Tommy's death happened unexpectedly. He was the center of our family, and we are left heartbroken. Tommy was loved. He was a bright and caring man, always first to laugh with his offbeat jokes, one-liners, and quick wit. Tommy was adventurous and he liked to golf and fish. He was fond of the outdoors, and he had a special talent with the upkeep of his parents' yard. He was a sports fan, especially for the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. He had a caring heart and he loved all animals. He treasured his dog, Hannah, "the Hanny Girl." In addition to his parents, Tommy will be remembered and deeply missed by his grandmothers, Constance Minnie of Ludlow, and Patricia Ricci of Burlestone, TX, and the Gamelli, Hart, Ricci, Blair, and Minnie families. He is predeceased by his paternal grandmother, Mary Hart and his maternal grandfather, Valentino Ricci. Tommy's funeral and burial was private. Family and friends will gather for a Memorial Mass celebrating his life on Saturday, June 19th, 2021, at St. Cecelia's Church, in Wilbraham, at 11 a.m. Contributions may be made in Tommy's name to the Thomas J. O'Connor Animal Shelter, 627 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA. (tjconnoradoptioncenter.com) Arrangements entrusted to the Byron Keenan Funeral Home and Cremation Tribute Center, 1858 Allen Street, Springfield, MA, 01118. For additional information please visit www.byronkeenan.com



Shirley G. Fuller

1924 - 2020



HAMPDEN

Shirley G. Fuller, 96, died on October 11, 2020. Family and friends are invited to attend Shirley's Memorial Service on Saturday, June 19th at 11AM at Wilbraham Funeral Home, 2551 Boston Rd., Wilbraham. An hour of visitation will precede the Service from 10-11AM. For Shirley's complete obituary please visit www.wilbrahamfuneralhome.com.



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Donald G. Veto

1955 - 2021



WESTFIELD

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Donald George Veto on Sunday, June 6, 2021. Donald was born in Springfield, on October 10, 1955, to the late George and Barbara (Maloney) Veto and lived in Westfield, MA with his loving wife and soulmate, Nancy for over 38 years, where they raised their beloved son Dominic. Donald had a love of sports, the likes of which no one but him could comprehend. He loved to make people laugh and took great joy in making people fall for his outrageous stories. Although quiet at times, he was known for his quick wit, dry sense of humor, knowledge of sports, love of golfing, and his kind spirit. He retired from work ten years ago but assisted his wife with her business. Donald was loved by all who met him and counted on him as their friend. He would often visit the homeless shelter to donate clothes and money. He enjoyed the beautiful beaches of Anna Maria and lived a happy, peaceful life. He is survived by his cherished wife Nancy and his children Dominic, Christopher, Kelli and Kristen Veto, and was the caring brother to Mark Veto (Carol), and Paul Veto. He was the loving uncle to Michael, Lisa, Isabella, Emma, and Sarah. He will be dearly missed by many in-laws, family, and friends. Most importantly, he was the sweetest guy you ever wanted to meet, and adored his wife the most. To express condolences to the family, please visit www.westfieldfuneralhome.com for Donald's tribute page. A private mass will be held in his honor at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Donald's memory to the Westfield Animal Shelter, 178 Apremont Highway, Westfield, MA 01085 or Horizons for Homeless Children, 1785 Columbus Avenue, Roxbury, MA, 02119.



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Marilyn P. Curry

1930 - 2021

AGAWAM

The family of Marilyn Priscilla (Fitzpatrick) Curry, Agawam's beloved historian who gave her time unselfishly to enrich the Agawam community, sadly announces her passing on Thursday, June 9, 2021. Born in Hartford, CT on December 18, 1930, to the late Edmond and Mary (Feher) Fitzpatrick, she was raised in Hartford and graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1947. She furthered her education at the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield until her marriage to her cherished husband, Richard J. Curry on June 13, 1951. She was employed at Mass Mutual Insurance Company for a short period of time until she and Richard began their family with the birth of their children, Debby, and Rick. Marilyn then began her career as a full-time mom and eventually cared for her husband who became critically ill. After 30 years at home, she reentered the work force as a school bus monitor and crossing guard. Following the passing of her beloved husband, she worked for Hallmark Surprise Card and Gift Shop as a sales associate from 1990-2006 and also became the manager of the Beekman Place Condominiums, retiring in 2006. She and her husband shared a love of history and joined the newly formed Agawam Historical Society which began Marilyn's dedication to the history of Agawam and the preservation of its past. For over 50 years, Marilyn was involved in a multitude of community commissions, committees and organizations for the town including her work as an election poll worker and precinct warden and serving as a member of the board of trustees for the Captain Charles Leonard House, the Agawam Whiting Street Commission, Chairman of the Anne Sullivan Committee that raised funds to obtain a Mico Kaufman sculpture which was placed in Anne's birthplace of Feeding Hills for all to enjoy. She also served as a member of the Agawam Historical Commission for over 40 years, the Agawam Historical Association for over 55 years where she served as President for several terms and a member of the Board of Managers of the Beekman Place Estates Condominiums. She also assisted her late husband and edited his weekly column, In Old Agawam, for the Agawam Advertiser News. She was the recipient of many local awards including the Paul Harris award by the Agawam Rotary and was proud to have been awarded the Citizen of the Year Award by the Agawam Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee and all who knew her were keenly aware of how proud she was of her Irish heritage. Her Catholic faith was of the utmost importance to her being a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills where she also served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister. History was not her



only love. She was an avid Boston Red Sox fan. During her years as a homemaker, she was also an accomplished seamstress who was well known throughout Western Mass for her beautiful creations, especially draperies. She was a kind and remarkably thoughtful person, and her generosity knew no bounds. She loved family, friends, animals, cooking and the Town of Agawam. She is survived by her devoted son and daughter in law, Richard B. Curry and his wife, Frances, of Southwick; her seven cherished grandchildren, Elizabeth Curry of Montague, Kelley (Curry) Berger and her husband, Jay, of West Springfield and Jeremy Malanson, Joseph Malanson and his wife, Rachell, and Jason Malanson and his wife, Jillian (Abdow) Malanson, all of Agawam; her seven cherished great grandchildren, Eli, Delanie, Harper, Avery, Cody, Aunna and Avaya; her dear sister, Virginia Fitzgerald of New Mexico; her seven dear nephews and three dear nieces; and her countless close, dear and longtime friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her beloved husband, Richard J. Curry on July 31, 1991; her loving daughter, Debby on September 5, 2007; her dear brother, Edmond Fitzpatrick; and her dear sister, Loretta Fitzpatrick. Her Funeral will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2021, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Agawam Funeral Home, 184 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, followed by an 11 A.M. Liturgy of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. Her Burial will follow the Mass at Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills. Calling Hours will be held at the funeral home on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The family requests that memorial donations be made in her memory to the Rays of Hope, Baystate Health Foundation, 280 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199 or to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or to the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Marilyn was a beautiful person both inside and out and will never be forgotten by all the lives she touched.



James G. Beggs

1943 - 2021

FEEDING HILLS

James G. Beggs, 77, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Mercy Medical Center. Born in Springfield, son of the late James and Rita (Dean) Beggs, he was a 1961 graduate of Springfield Technical High School and moved to Agawam in 1971. James worked as a sheet metal worker for Local 63 and was a member of the union for over fifty years. He served on the executive board of the union on the apprentice board and was the co-president of the Sheet Metal Union Local 63 retirees. He was a navy veteran, a member of the Dante Club, enjoyed fishing and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He also built a house on Cape Cod for his family, which he was very proud of. He leaves his wife of forty-nine years, Carolyn M. (Magistri) Beggs, a daughter and her husband, Cheryl M. and Steven Marasi, a son and his wife, Glynn J. and Rebecca Beggs all of Feeding Hills, a brother and his lifetime partner, John Beggs and Theresa Panetti of East Longmeadow, two sisters and their husband, Susan and Mel Heinbokel of West



Springfield, Kathleen and Peter Gonyea of Yarmouthport, three grandchildren, Celina, James and Frank Marasi. The funeral will be Tuesday at 8:45 am from the Agawam Curran Jones Funeral Home, 745 Cooper Street with a Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 9:45. The burial will follow in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Calling hours are Monday from 4-7pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sr. Caritas Cancer, 271 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104 or to the charity of one's choice.



Springfield, Kathleen and Peter Gonyea of Yarmouthport, three grandchildren, Celina, James and Frank Marasi. The funeral will be Tuesday at 8:45 am from the Agawam Curran Jones Funeral Home, 745 Cooper Street with a Mass in Sacred Heart Church at 9:45. The burial will follow in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Calling hours are Monday from 4-7pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sr. Caritas Cancer, 271 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104 or to the charity of one's choice.



Robert J. Ostrowski

1942 - 2021



CHICOPEE

Robert J. "Farmer" Ostrowski, 78, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, June 5, 2021. He was born in Holyoke on July 25, 1942 to the late Stella (Fujczak) and William Spillane. He was raised in Chicopee and attended Chicopee High School. As a kid, he would take a bus to work the tobacco fields where he earned himself the nickname Farmer. He was a member of the Teamsters Local 404, driving tractor trailers for years before he retired. He was an avid boater on the CT River where he enjoyed nearly three decades with his family. He enjoyed playing poker at the casino, driving his yellow Corvette and in his early retirement he spent hours building a model train layout that was inspired by the Lionel trains he still had from his childhood. He now joins his beloved wife of 56 years, Gail (Maes) Ostrowski, who passed away in September 2020. He will be missed by his children, Sharon Starke and husband Keith of Chicopee, Michael Ostrowski and wife Dorothy of Suffield, CT; his grandchildren, Jameson Glanville, Joseph Glanville, Jackson Ostrowski and Gavin Ostrowski. He leaves behind a sister, Cynthia Dant and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his daughter, Deborah Ostrowski and a stepsister, Maureen Mercure. A Graveside service will be held on Saturday June 19, 2021 at 10am at the St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Montgomery Street, Chicopee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Thomas J O'Connor Animal Shelter, 627 Cottage St., Springfield, MA 01104 or Holyoke VNA and Hospice, 575 Beech St., Holyoke, MA 01040. Brunelle Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit www.Brunellefuneralhome.com to share condolences with the family.



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George E Gendreau Sr

1926 - 2021

WEST SPRINGFIELD

George E. Gendreau Sr., 94, passed away Tuesday June 8, 2021, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Springfield, December 18, 1926, the son of the late Prosper and Ella (Baron) Gendreau. George was a graduate of West Springfield High School and served in the US Navy during WWII as an underwater demolition specialist. He worked as a pipefitter for the former Monsanto Company for over 35 years and was president of the social club there. He was a communicant of St. Thomas Church and the Electrical Workers Union where he was shop steward and loved attending his grandchildren's games. He leaves his loving wife of 68 years, Christina A. (Buoniconti) Gendreau, his beloved sons, George E. Jr. and his wife Philomena of Southwick and Richard K. and his wife Cathy of Westfield, his beloved grandchildren, Nicole, Laura and Sam and his beloved great granddaughter Sage and his sister and brother-in-law, Lucyann and Robert Lyne. He was predeceased by his son Michael in 1975, his grandson



Keith in 2014 and his brother Donald. George's funeral mass will be held Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 11:30 AM at St. Thomas Church with burial in the Mass Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. A calling hour will be from 10-11 AM at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, 1043 Westfield St., West Springfield. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.



Shirley M. Mullen

1935 - 2021



SPRINGFIELD

Shirley M. (Hunter) Mullen, 85, of Springfield, passed away on Tuesday, June 8, 2021. Daughter of Wesley and Bessie (Frost) Hunter, she was born in Springfield on November 2, 1935. She was a graduate of Springfield Technical High School, then earned a certificate for Human Services from Buckingham High School. Shirley retired after 25 years as a social worker for the Massachusetts Department of Public Welfare. She was also employed as a dining service attendant at Springfield College, Chaney Hall, for 15 years up to her passing. Shirley loved spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed bowling and listening and dancing to music. Her proudest moments were seeing her children and their children receive academic success. She felt extremely blessed to have watched her 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren grow. She loved to travel, play casino games, watch the news, and sports. Shirley is pre-deceased by her daughter, Karen Savage and four brothers, Robert Frost and Freddie, Wesley, and Jerry Hunter. She is survived by her husband, Donald Mullen Sr., four children, Lisa Merriweather, Michael Merriweather (Angela), Vanetta Sinclair (Ryan), and Linda Wortham (Edswell), five step-children, two brothers, James Hunter (Alberta) and Louis Hunter (Ardella), and many nieces, nephews, and friends. A memorial service will be held in her honor on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 11 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, Springfield, where she was an active member for many years. The burial will be private, where she will Rest in Peace at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.



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John D. Bradway

1971 - 2021



DUBLIN, OH

John D. Bradway, 49, passed away, January 8, 2021 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, OH. John was born October 1, 1971 to David P. Bradway and the late Joyce (Warminger) Bradway. John grew up in Monson and was a graduate of Monson High School. He continued his education at the University of Vermont and was a graduate of Cornell University School of Hotel Management. John was successful in the hotel management industry. His resume included The Breakers in West Palm Beach, FL, The Cliff House in Maine, The Hermitage Hotel in Nashville, TN and several other resorts located in Jamaica, New York City and Palm Beach Florida. John leaves his father, David P. Bradway and his wife Noreen of Monson; sisters, Julie Schofield of Dublin, OH, Collen Madison and her husband Eric of Hampden, Kathleen Corish of Monson, Shelly Off of Des Moines, IA, and Karen Bradway of South Hadley as well as many nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be Friday, June 18, 2021 at 11am at Hillcrest Cemetery on Wilbraham Rd in Monson. A gathering of family and friends will follow the service at the Bradway's Home, East Hill Road in Monson. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution in John's name to the Dakin Humane Society 171 Union St. Springfield, MA 01105.



IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory of



Elsie (Sue) Gormick
June 13, 2014
7th Anniversary with God
~
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Your Husband Al

Dr. Nicholas J. Greco

1934 - 2021

BOSTON

Dr. Nicholas J. Greco passed away peacefully on June 9, 2021 at Mass General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

Nicholas was born in Boston on September 13, 1934 to the late Constantino and Adele (Romagnoli) Greco. He graduated from Boston Latin and Harvard University Cum Laude. He graduated Tufts Medical School. He did his residency in dermatology at the Boston University Medical Center, Boston City Hospital. He was also a member of the Blessed Sacrament Church and served in the Army Medical Corps during the Vietnam War.

Nicholas established his medical practice in Northampton, Massachusetts where he served the community for over 40-years. He recently resided in Humarock, Massachusetts. He was politically inclined and ran for LT. Governor of Massachusetts against Mike Dukakis in the 1970's. He was incredibly well read and could converse on any subject – especially art, music and history. He loved to laugh and share his opinion.

Nicholas is survived by his wife beloved wife and partner Mary Lou (McBride) Greco, his brother Constantine John Greco, his nephews Jay, Neil and Ronald Greco. Nicholas is preceded in death by their loving daughter Regina Olson.

Calling hours will be held for Dr. Greco at Czelusniak Funeral Home, 173 North St. in Northampton, on Monday June 14 from 4-7 PM. Additional calling hours will be held at Keefe Funeral Home, 5 Chestnut St. in Arlington, on Tuesday June 15 from 4-7 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St. Agnes Parish, 32 Medford St. in Arlington, on Wednesday at 11:30 AM. For online condolences, please visit Czelusniakfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy McLean

1921 - 2021




SPRINGFIELD

Dorothy McLean passed on peacefully Friday, May 7, 2021 to be with our Lord. Born March 8, 1921 to the late Sandy Jones and Lula Bell Jones (Perry) in Louisburg, North Carolina. Dorothy, who was the first child in her family to be brought to Springfield in 1930 during the Depression, was a product of the Great Migration which initially brought her mother to Springfield seeking employment and was subsequently followed by her siblings. She leaves her daughters Andrea Allen-Glenn (Lonnie), and Leslie Westbrook Sultan (Leon). Additionally, she leaves behind thirteen grandchildren as well as multiple great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Family and friends are invited to a Graveside service on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at Oak Grove Cemetery at 10:30 AM. Henderson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. For more information go to: www.hendersonsfh.com

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In Loving Memory of



Gerald Grant
1929-2012

Happy Birthday


Husband, uncle, boss, neighbor, friend.
We miss your warm voice, your understanding,
your wise advice, your generous spirit, your
delight and love of family and friends.
You have left a hole in our hearts.
We miss you every day.
*With all our love,
Bernyce & Family*

In Loving Memory of



Reata L. Cassidy
Wife, Mother and Grandmother
Feb. 11, 1942 - June 16, 2019
~
Two years have passed and we miss you more than ever. We will never forget your beautiful smile, contagious laugh and loving personality. You were beautiful on the inside and on the outside. You loved angels and now you're our angel, protecting us.
Love you to pieces.
Bill, Paul, Gail, Alan, Trey, Ian & Will

In Loving Memory of



Chaheeda (Sadie) Moses
Our mom had a heart of gold, smile of pure joy when she was with grandkids and great grandkids, a kindness that extended to all she knew.
*We love you and miss you every day.
Your family*

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BRITT RUHE, DIRECTOR, COMMON WEALTH MURAL COLLABORATIVE

Murals

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At various locations across the city, buildings ranging from one-story high structures to seven-story towers became canvases for internationally renowned artists to show parts of Springfield and its history that few were aware of and document it for all to see and appreciate.

Britt Ruhe, director for the Common Wealth Mural Collaborative, the producers of the Fresh Paint Festival, said the COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellation of the 2020 festival and made preparations for the 2021 event even harder than they should have been.

“It took a tremendous amount of work to coordinate everything to make this possible,” she said Saturday. “We had 11 apprentice muralists-in-training who operated as staff and worked with the community at painting parties. We had our own staff and maybe 20 volunteers all working for this year’s festival.”

The Fresh Paint Festival picks up from an art movement started in Springfield in the late ’60s and early ’70s that saw the creation of more than 30 public murals in the Mason Square area. Today only one remains.

City officials, art aficionados and friends organized a special ribbon-cutting to pay tribute to two of the original mural creators in Springfield. Nelson Stevens, 83, was a professor at the University of

Massachusetts at Amherst and one of the creators of the AfriCOBRA movement. Stevens brought art students from the campus to the Mason Square area to create murals celebrating black culture and advancements. Before he was done, Stevens is credited with creating more than 30 indoor and outdoor murals in Springfield.

Stevens said the mural movement started in Mexico as a means to educate illiterate peasants. The idea was revived by the Black community.

“Then in 1967 it was revived in Chicago to celebrate our history. I was able to get credit for the students and pay so we could continue it here,” Stevens said.

But the mural that started the movement wasn’t created by Stevens. Instead, he credits another Black artist, Donald Blanton, with painting the first mural dedicated to Black culture in Springfield. Blanton painted the so-called Heritage mural, now seen on the side of Mosque 13 on State Street, and newly repainted by Kay Douglas as part of the 2021 Fresh Paint Festival.

Blanton, now 79, said Saturday that the building then housed a beauty supply business, and the owner gave him permission to paint the outside.

“I started the rough sketches but then realized we had no place to put it. I came and asked here at Robbins Beauty Supply and he said yes.”

Blanton said he drew the outlines and he and his brother painted in the colors.

Blanton and his brother went on to create a Black-centric arts group in Springfield when the established arts league would not accept black people.

The 2021 Fresh Paint Festival did not benefit from lots of design meetings and consultations over what the murals should be. It was too



Nelson Stevens, lead artist and organizer of 37 murals painted in Springfield, smiles during a painting block party at the Mason Square Library yesterday. (DAVE ROBACK PHOTO)

at La Fiorentino at 883 Main St.; Wane One’s mural at 1183 Main St.; the Howard Drew mural by Eric Okdeh at the intersection of Dwight and Harrison streets; Jeff Henriquez at 232 Worthington St.; Stash’s abstract on the Worthington Street side of the Taylor Street parking garage; Betsy Casanas’ mural on the Mason Square Library; Ryan Murray at 811 Main St.; Western Mass Portrait Painters work at 827 State St.; NERO and Souls NYC combined work at the MLK Family Services agent at 3 Rutland St. and Kay Douglas’ work on Mosque 13

Connecticut artist ARCY had a 120 by 20-foot wall

family album.

“I think it matters what the public thinks,” he said, as he applied color to the wall. “It’s their wall, not mine. I leave it with the community, so I have to make sure what I do hits home for everybody.”

ARCY is well known to Western Mass. viewers. Apart from his national presence, he has worked at the Eastern States Exposition muralizing various sections of the Coliseum among other works.

Portions of each of the works included a section actually produced by community members at painting parties held over the winter.

Renowned artist Stash watched Saturday as an



The Wall of Fame mural featured at the corner of State Street and Eastern Avenue in Springfield yesterday. The wall features 13 pioneering men and women, past and present, from Mason Square in Springfield. At right is former state Rep. Benjamin Swan. (DAVE ROBACK PHOTO)



Mariela Chavez, of Springfield, raises her arms in victory as she watches Jack Hurst, 5, of Springfield, mix paints at the site of the mural on the side of the Mason Square Library in Springfield yesterday. (DAVE ROBACK PHOTO)

he was 17 years old his canvases hung alongside other street art greats such as Keith Haring and Michael Basquiat. Stash is credited with making the graffiti style acceptable in the general community. Now, Springfield painters can

and later as one of the first Black judges to take the bench in Connecticut. Drew was a cornerstone member of the civil rights movement in Springfield in the 1950s.

Jeff Henriquez said his design for 232 Worthington St.

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dangerous for meetings. Consequently, much of what the 2021 murals look like depends on the artistic integrity of the artists.

“This year the festival was driven by the pandemic,” Ruhe said. “We met with building owners and most decided what style they wanted on their buildings. Next year, when we can all get together again, we will hold meetings to work up community-driven designs.”

The festival gave most artists direction as to the content of the works, but after that, each was left to his or her discretion.

Murals produced for the 2021 Fresh Paint Festival included: ARCY’s creation

alongside La Fiorentino Bakery at 883 Main St. He said the Italian heritage of the area was an important consideration as he developed the work he produced for the festival.

“Cultural significance comes into play. The community around where the wall is located, its all the South End of Springfield. That gave us immediate direction to give back to the Italian community here,” he said.

The artist was able to sketch out his design in his studio, then make a transparency to project onto the wall for the final layout. Then it took more than 300 cans of spray paint to simulate the sepia tones of photographs as if from an old

apprentice and his crew attached 4-foot square sections of PolyTab material to a section of the Taylor Street parking garage.

A Brooklyn artist, Stash was tasked with painting the garage and, at the same time, including a section produced by budding community artists of all ages. He worked out his colorful abstract work by photographing the paint splatters on the floor of his studio and incorporating those into the final work. For the lower sections, he transposed the splatter designs onto the PolyTab material and gave the community painters a “paint-by-numbers” replication of his work for them to complete. Those 4-by-4sections were pasted to the garage exterior walls.

Ruhe said Stash had free rein to produce his mural. He is well known in the graffiti school of artwork, and when

brag that they had a hand in creating a Stash original.

Howard Drew is not a familiar name to most in Springfield, but should be, and will be from now on.

“A hundred years ago Howard was quite a runner,” Philadelphia muralist Eric Okdeh said. “He supposedly made his cleats by driving roofing nails through the soles of his shoes.”

Drew had to drop out of the Olympic trials due to an injury, dashing his hopes for an Olympic win. He may well have done it, too. The man who ran second to him in the trials went on to win the gold.

Okdeh presented Drew several times on the tower at 185 Dwight St., first as a teen, wearing a skimmer and holding a flag. The young patriot Howard Drew stands five stories high. Other images show him as an Olympic-level runner, a World War I soldier

is actually two years old. He created it for the 2019 festival but was told he could not show a Black girl. It depicts his young niece as an artist in front of a colorful background.

When he was invited back to the 2021 Festival he said he was using the same motif as last time.

“The design is the design,” he said, with a shrug.

The mural includes the brightly colored work “Worthy” in honor of the apartment block up the street and, of course, the name of the street.

Henriquez’s piece takes up the top three stories of the building, above the Black Lives Matter mural painted in 2019.

For all the wow factor of stories-tall figures and incredibly bright color splashes on otherwise dark streets, it turns out the biggest benefactor of the Fresh Paint murals may be the City of Springfield, its businesses and its people.

According to studies commissioned after the 2019 Festival, having bright, meaningful murals in public spaces in Springfield increases property values, improves peoples’ sense of security and increases walking traffic in the area of the murals.

The studies conducted by the UMass Design Center and by consultant Jessica Payne, of Springfield, saw a four-times return on investment from the 2019 festival. For every dollar donated to the nonprofit city business saw \$4 in return. Ruhe said surveys conducted in downtown Springfield indicated that 73% of respondents had an improved sense of safety and walkability in the downtown since the murals went up.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial Service
In Memory of
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Public interment services for Larry & Rita of Ludlow will be Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 10am at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam.



Painter Don Blanton chats at a ceremony at the Heritage Mural at 727 State St. in Springfield. The mural, the oldest mural in Springfield, was repainted during Fresh Paint 2021. A rededication was held there yesterday. Blanton was one of the painters during the original project. He is shown at left restoring a mural on the wall at Robbins Beauty Supply in Winchester Square on State Street in Springfield on Aug. 8, 1987. (DAVE ROBACK PHOTOS)

DALLAS

Airports pass pandemic milestone

By DAVID KOENIG
Associated Press

The airline industry’s recovery from the pandemic passed a milestone as more than 2 million people streamed through U.S. airport security checkpoints on Friday for the first time since early March 2020.

The Transportation Security Administration announced yesterday that 2.03 million travelers were screened at U.S. airport checkpoints on Friday.

It was the first time in 15 months that the number of security screenings has surpassed 2 million in a single day.

Airline bookings have been picking up since around February, as more Americans were vaccinated against COVID-19 and — at least within the United States — travel restrictions such as mandatory quarantines began to ease.

The recovery is not complete. Friday’s crowds were only 74% of the volume compared to the same day in 2019.

However, the 2.03 million figure was 1.5 million more travelers than the same day last year, according to the TSA.

The 2-million mark represents quite a turnaround for the travel industry, which was hammered by the pandemic.

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There were days in April 2020 when fewer than 100,000 people boarded planes in the U.S., and the CEO of Boeing predicted that at least one major U.S. airline would go bankrupt.

Most of the airlines are still losing money.

Southwest eked out a narrow first-quarter profit thanks to its share of \$64 billion in federal pandemic relief to the industry, and others are expected to follow suit later this year.

The fear of large-scale furloughs has lifted. United Airlines, which lost \$7 billion and threatened to furlough 13,000 workers last fall, told employees this week that their jobs are secure even when the federal money runs out in October.

That’s because airlines like United are upbeat about salvaging the peak summer vacation season.

International travel and business trips are still deeply depressed, but domestic leisure travel is roughly back to pre-pandemic levels, airline officials say.

The airlines are recalling employees from voluntary leave and are planning to hire small numbers of pilots and other workers later this year.

Hotel operators say they too have seen bookings improve as vaccination rates rise.

Mike Gathright, a senior vice president at Hilton, said the company’s hotels were 93% full over the Memorial Day weekend.

Gathright said the company is “very optimistic” about leisure travel over the summer and a pickup in business travel this fall.

“The vaccine distribution, the relaxed travel restrictions, consumer confidence — all of that is driving occupancy and improvement in our business,” Gathright said.

Prior to the pandemic, TSA screened on average 2 million to 2.5 million travelers per day.

The lowest screening volume during the pandemic was on April 13, 2020, when just 87,534 individuals were screened at airport security

checkpoints.

By the middle of last month, TSA’s average daily volume for screenings was approximately 65% of pre-pandemic levels.

As the summer travel season approaches, TSA is advising passengers to arrive at the airport with sufficient time to accommodate increased screening time.

Traveler volumes are expected to approach — and in some cases exceed pre-pandemic levels — at certain airports.



The airline industry’s pandemic recovery passed a milestone Friday as more than 2 million people streamed through U.S. airport security checkpoints for the first time since March 2020. (ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)



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SOCCKER

Danish player hospitalized

Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen was taken to a Copenhagen hospital yesterday after collapsing on the field during a match at the European Championship, leading to the game being suspended for more than 90 minutes.

The governing body of European soccer said Eriksen has been stabilized.

“Christian Eriksen is awake and is undergoing further examinations at Rigshospitalet,” the Danish federation wrote on Twitter.

The Euro 2020 match between Denmark and Finland had been halted in the 43rd minute with the score 0-0. It resumed at 8:30 p.m. and Finland eventually won 1-0.

Eriksen was given urgent medical attention on the field for about 10 minutes after collapsing near the end of the first half. He was then carried off on a stretcher.

— Associated Press

DIVING

Hixon qualifies for Olympics

Amherst native Michael Hixon and Andrew Copobianco earned berths for the Tokyo Olympics in men’s 3-meter synchronized diving at the U.S. trials on Friday night in Indianapolis. Jessica Parratto and Delaney Schnell won the women’s 10-meter synchro to claim spots on the team.

Hixon, a silver medalist at the 2016 Rio Games, and recent NCAA champion Copobianco won handily with 1,289.27 points. Greg Duncan and Grayson Campbell took second at 1,168.80.

Hixon and Copobianco capped off their list with a forward 4 ½ somersault tuck that earned 90.6 points for a dive with a 3.8 degree of difficulty.

Parratto, a 2016 Olympian, and Schnell were consistent throughout the final round, finishing with 930.00 points. Katrina Young, who made the Olympic team in 2016, and Murphy Bromberg finished second at 888.54.

— Associated Press

MLB

‘Mudcat’ Grant dies at age 85

Jim “Mudcat” Grant, the first Black 20-game winner in the American League and a key part of Minnesota’s first World Series team in 1965, has died. He was 85.

The Twins announced Grant’s death yesterday. No cause was given.

Grant spent fewer than four full seasons of his 14-year major league career with the Twins, but they were by far his best.

After being acquired in a trade with Cleveland on June 15, 1964, for George Banks and Lee Stange, Grant led the American League with 21 wins in 1965 – Don Newcombe of the Dodgers was the first Black 20-game winner in the majors in 1951.

Grant’s big season helped the Twins post a 102-60 record for a spot in the World Series. He also led the league with six shutouts in 1965.

Grant went 50-35 with a 3.35 ERA in 129 appearances, including 111 starts, with the Twins. He was traded to the Dodgers after the 1967 season and also pitched for Montreal, St. Louis, Oakland and Pittsburgh.

— Associated Press

TENNIS | FRENCH OPEN

Unseeded Czech claims 1st Slam

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN
Associated Press

PARIS — Thinking of her late coach the whole time, Barbora Krejckova went from unseeded player to Grand Slam champion at a French Open full of surprises.

Krejckova beat 31st-seeded Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-1, 2-6, 6-4 in the final at Roland Garros yesterday to win the title in just her fifth major tournament as a singles player.

“It’s big achievement that nobody really expected,” said Krejckova, a 25-year-old from the Czech Republic who never won a WTA title of any sort until last month. “Not even me.”

When it ended with Pavlyuchenkova’s backhand landing long on Krejckova’s fourth match point, they met at the net for a hug. Then Krejckova blew kisses, her eyes squeezed shut, in tribute to her former coach, Jana Novotna, the 1998 Wimbledon champion who died of cancer at age 49 in 2017.



Barbora Krejckova holds her trophy after defeating Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova in the French Open final yesterday in Paris. (MICHEL EULER / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

“Pretty much her last words were just enjoy and just try to win a Grand Slam. And I mean, I know that, from somewhere, she’s looking after me,” Krejckova told the crowd

at Court Philippe Chatrier, limited to 5,000 because of the coronavirus pandemic.

“All of this that just happened, these two weeks, is pretty much

because she is just looking after me from up there,” Krejckova said, lifting her left hand toward the sky. “It was amazing that I had a chance to meet her and that she was such an inspiration for me. I just really miss her. But I hope she’s happy right now. I’m extremely happy.”

Krejckova is the third unseeded women’s champion since 2017 at Roland Garros. There were zero from 1968 through 2016.

She now will try to become the first woman since Mary Pierce in 2000 to win the French Open singles and doubles titles in the same year. Krejckova and partner Katerina Siniakova already own two Grand Slam doubles titles and reached Sunday’s final of that event.

Pavlyuchenkova, a 29-year-old Russian, was playing in her first Grand Slam final in the 52nd major tournament of her career — the most appearances by a woman before reaching a title match.

“Who could have thought, like, I SEE **TENNIS**, PAGE B3

AMERICAN LEAGUE | BLUE JAYS 7, RED SOX 2

Home runs ruin Sox

Pivetta continues tough run by Boston’s struggling starters



Red Sox starter Nick Pivetta kicks the mound as Toronto’s Vladimir Guerrero Jr. runs the bases after hitting a two-run homer in the first inning yesterday at Fenway Park in Boston. (MICHAEL DWYER / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

By KEN POWTAK
Associated Press

BOSTON — Marcus Semien hit a two-run homer — one of three longballs by Toronto in the fifth inning — to extend his club-record road hitting streak to 25 games, and the Blue Jays rebounded from a tough loss to beat the Boston Red Sox 7-2 yesterday at Fenway Park.

Vladimir Guerrero Jr., Bo Bichette, Cavan Biggio and Reese McGuire also went deep for the Blue Jays, who had dropped four of their last five. They blew a late 5-1 lead and lost 6-5 in Friday’s series opener.

Rafael Devers had an RBI triple for the Red Sox, who had won seven of nine.

Guerrero got Toronto’s offense going early with his major league-leading 20th homer, a two-run shot estimated at 439 feet against Nick Pivetta that left Fenway Park over the Green Monster in the first inning.

Bichette sent one even further, belting an estimated 468-foot drive out of Fenway over the Monster, going back to back after Semien’s shot.

Biggio opened the fifth with a drive into the

first row of the Monster seats.

Steven Matz (7-3) held the Red Sox to four hits and a run over 5⅔ innings, striking out eight with two walks.

Pivetta (6-2) gave up a season-high six runs and allowed four — a career worst — of the Blue Jays’ homers.

Pay attention

Blue Jays manager Charlie Montoyo said Guerrero’s outstanding start this season isn’t getting noticed because how poorly the team’s bullpen has been.

Guerrero entered the day batting .336, leading the majors in homers and RBIs.

“Nobody’s talking about it because our bullpen’s struggling,” Montoyo said.

Nice arm

Red Sox center fielder Kiké Hernández cut down Joe Panik at the plate for an inning-ending double play as the Toronto runner tried to score on a medium-deep fly ball.

Trainer’s room

BLUE JAYS: OF George Springer, who has played just four games this season as he recovers from a quad injury suffered rehabbing an oblique strain, could start a rehab assignment soon. Montoyo said he ran the bases in Fenway yesterday and was going to take batting practice. Springer signed a \$150-million, six-year deal as a free agent during the offseason.

RED SOX: SS Xander Bogaerts, scratched from Friday’s game because of a sore left knee, didn’t play yesterday. “I’m not in a rush with this one because of how important he is,” manager Alex Cora said. “If we have to stay away from him (today), we will.”

Up next

Toronto LHP Robbie Ray (3-2, 3.36 ERA) is set to start today against Boston lefty Martín Pérez (4-3, 3.88).

Pérez is coming off his worst start of the season Tuesday, when he gave up six runs in only two innings.

AUTO RACING

Busch picks up 99th Xfinity win

Kyle Busch stayed in front through two late restarts with pushes from series points leader Austin Cindric, the last going into a green-white overtime finish, to get his 99th career NASCAR Xfinity victory yesterday in Fort Worth, Texas.

It was Busch’s 10th Xfinity win at Texas, where he led six times for 94 of the 171 laps and won for the second time in two starts this year; he also won the inaugural race on the road course in Austin, Texas. He led the final 32 laps, including the four extra because of the 10th and final caution.

Busch already had twice as many as Mark Martin’s 49 career victories that are the second-most in series history. Busch had said in the past he would retire from the series after 100 wins, but indicated afterward that Joe Gibbs has already committed him to races into next season.

Justin Allgaier finished second and led 23 laps, never able to regain the lead despite being side-by-side with Busch on three restarts in the closing stretch. Cindric was third, followed by Daniel Hemric, Brandon Jones, A.J. Allmendinger and Noah Gragson, who last October was passed on the final turn to miss out on a victory at Texas.

After a restart with 29 laps left, following a questionable caution involving Jones, Busch was on the inside of Allgaier, who then had Cindric behind him. Busch and Allgaier were side-by-side and appeared to bump on the backstretch, with Allgaier on the inside by time they got back to the line before Busch cleared and stayed in front the rest of the race.

The yellow flag came out when Jones got loose and started to spin in Turn 4, though he quickly regained control of the No. 19 Toyota without hitting anything.

Busch took the inside line for the final two restarts, taking off both times.



Kyle Busch celebrates his NASCAR Xfinity Series win yesterday at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas. (TONY GUTIERREZ / ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Myatt Snider crashed on the backstretch with 10 laps to go in regulation when he was hit behind by Josh Berry, who earlier made contact that knocked Jeb Burton out of the race.

Ericsson picks up 1st win
Marcus Ericsson raced to his first IndyCar victory yesterday in the opener of the doubleheader at the Raceway at Belle Isle Park in Detroit.

The Swede became the seventh driver to win through seven IndyCar races this season, and he’s the fourth first-time winner this year.

Ericsson benefitted from the second red-flag stoppage, this one with six laps remaining when Romain Grosjean crashed in Turn 9. An earlier accident sent Felix Rosenqvist to a hospital for evaluation and caused a 78-minute stoppage to repair the tire barrier and concrete wall damaged when what appeared to be a stuck throttle sent Rosenqvist smashing into the wall.

Will Power had control and led a race-high 37 of the 70 laps until the Grosjean crash.

— Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	41	24	.631	–
RED SOX	39	26	.600	2
New York	33	30	.524	7
Toronto	32	30	.516	7½
Baltimore	22	41	.349	18
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	39	24	.619	–
Cleveland	33	27	.550	4½
Kansas City	30	33	.476	9
Detroit	26	37	.413	13
Minnesota	25	38	.397	14
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	39	27	.591	–
Houston	36	27	.571	1½
Los Angeles	31	32	.492	6½
Seattle	31	34	.477	7½
Texas	24	40	.375	14
Friday's Games				
RED SOX 6, Toronto 5				
Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2				
Cleveland 7, Seattle 0				
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 4, 10 innings				
Houston 6, Minnesota 4				
Oakland 4, Kansas City 3				
L.A. Dodgers 12, Texas 1				
L.A. Angels 6, Arizona 5, 10 innings				
Saturday's Games				
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 4				
Toronto 7, RED SOX 2				
Oakland 11, Kansas City 2				
N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia, n				
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, n				
L.A. Angels at Arizona, n				
Seattle at Cleveland, n				
Houston at Minnesota, 7:15 p.m.				
Texas at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
N.Y. Yankees (Germán 4-3) at Philadelphia (Nola 4-4), 1:05 p.m.				
Toronto (Ray 3-2) at RED SOX (Pérez 4-3), 1:10 p.m.				
Baltimore (Zimmermann 4-3) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 1:10 p.m.				
Chicago White Sox (Rodón 5-2) at Detroit (TBD), 1:10 p.m.				
Seattle (Gilbert 1-2) at Cleveland (Bieber 7-3), 1:10 p.m.				
Houston (Valdez 2-0) at Minnesota (Pineda 3-3), 2:10 p.m.				
Kansas City (Bubie 1-1) at Oakland (Bassitt 6-2), 4:07 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Sandoval 0-2) at Arizona (Smith 2-2), 4:10 p.m.				
Texas (Dunning 2-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 5-0), 4:10 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
Toronto at RED SOX, 7:10 p.m.				
Baltimore at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.				
Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.				
Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.				
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 9:40 p.m.				
Minnesota at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.				

Red Sox lose, 7-2									
Toronto					Boston				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Semien 2b	5	1	1	2	K.Hernández cf3	0	0	0	0
Bichette ss	5	2	1	2	Verdugo lf	4	0	0	0
G. Guerrero Jr. 1b2	1	1	2	1	Martínez dh	3	1	1	0
T.Hernández lf4	0	0	0	0	Devers 3b	4	1	2	1
Grichuk cf-rr	4	0	0	0	Renfroe rf	1	0	0	0
Tellez dh	3	0	0	0	Vázquez c	4	0	1	1
Panik 3b	4	0	0	0	Arroyo 2b	4	0	0	0
Davis cf	0	0	0	0	Dalbec 1b	4	0	1	0
Biggio rf-3b	4	1	3	1	Gonzalez ss	3	0	0	0
McGuire c	3	2	1	1	Santana p	1	0	0	0
Totals	34	7	10	7	Totals	31	2	5	2
Toronto					RED SOX				
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E. Matz (1), Vázquez (5), DP, Toronto 1, RED SOX 3, LOB, Toronto 4, RED SOX 7, 2B, Biggio (4), 3B, Dalbec (2), Devers (1), HR, Guerrero Jr. (20), Biggio (4), Semien (14), Bichette (12), McGuire (1), SB, Vázquez (6), Guerrero Jr. (2).									
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Toronto									
Matz W 7-3	52:3	4	1	1	2	8			
Castro	1	0	0	0	0	3			
Mayza	1-3	0	0	0	0	0			
Dolis	1	1	1	1	1	1			
Romano	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Boston									
Pivetta L 6-2	5	6	6	6	2	6			
Brennan	3	3	0	0	2	1			
Workman	1	1	1	1	0	0			
Castro pitched to 3 batters in the 7th. HBP, Matz (Renfroe), Castro (K.Hernández), WP, Dolis. Umpires: Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Jansen Visconti; Second, Roberto Ortiz; Third, Jerry Meals. T 3:09, A 24,024 (37,755).									

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	32	24	.571	–
Philadelphia	30	31	.492	4½
Atlanta	29	33	.468	6
Miami	29	35	.453	7
Washington	26	34	.433	8
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	36	27	.571	–
Milwaukee	36	27	.571	–
St. Louis	32	31	.508	4
Cincinnati	31	31	.500	4½
Pittsburgh	23	39	.371	12½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	39	24	.619	–
Los Angeles	38	25	.603	1
San Diego	37	29	.561	3½
Colorado	25	40	.385	15
Arizona	20	44	.313	19½
Friday's Games				
Chicago Cubs 8, St. Louis 5				
San Francisco 1, Washington 0				
N.Y. Mets 3, San Diego 2				
Cincinnati 11, Colorado 5				
Miami 4, Atlanta 3				
Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 4				
Saturday's Games				
Washington 2, San Francisco 0, 7 innings, 1st game				
N.Y. Mets 4, San Diego 1				
Miami 4, Atlanta 2				
Cincinnati 10, Colorado 3				
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, n				
San Francisco at Washington, 7:15 p.m., 2nd game				
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7:15 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
San Francisco (Cueto 4-2) at Washington (Lester 0-2), 1:05 p.m.				
Atlanta (Smyly 2-3) at Miami (López 2-3), 1:10 p.m.				
Colorado (Senzatela 2-6) at Cincinnati (Santillan 0-0), 1:10 p.m.				
San Diego (Paddack 2-5) at N.Y. Mets (Lucchesi 1-4), 1:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Crowe 0-4) at Milwaukee (Houser 4-5), 2:10 p.m.				
St. Louis (Martínez 3-6) at Chicago Cubs (Davies 3-3), 7:08 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.				
Miami at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.				
San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.				
Arizona at San Francisco, 9:45 p.m.				
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.				

LOCAL GOLF	
FRIDAY'S RESULTS	
OAK RIDGE: (Ouimette Printing League) A div. Gross: T. Sypek 39, J. Twaddle 39, H. Willey 39, R. Marciniak 41; A div. Net: M. Navone 34, J. Gearing 35; B div. Gross: R. Sypek 39, M. Lefebvre 40; B div. Net: R. Murdock 35, L. Larabee 36; C div. Gross: T. Strycharz 41, G. Ayre 42; C div. Net: D. Prova 35, R. Yvon 35, P. McKay 36; D div. Gross: S. Fortini 46, M. Tansey 47; D div. Net: K. Jonah 35, M. Scagliarini 36.	
AGAWAM: (Men's Association) Points: G. Strom +6, J. Atkins +5, E. Modzewski +4, C. Vanasse +3; Low Gross: R. Rivkin 77; Low Net: G. Strom 54.	
HCC: (Wild Geese) Net: John Henry, Al Lafleur, Rob Gregoire, Mitch Kulig 33.	
MILL VALLEY: (Senior Swingers) J. Loncrini, R. Izyk, J. Carr +6; R. Johnson, S. Siok, N. Charpentier +6. (O'Brien Oldies) S. Scibelli, L. Gay +7; R. Laurin, B. Salty +7; J. Morrin, H. Luszczy +5; B. Brissette, D. O'Brien +5.	
WESTOVER: (Seniors) L. Laffesh, J. Kiah, J. Alves, G. Ward +20; R. Fleming, M. Brick, R. Niles, P. Guilbalt +8; H. Mills, E. Pattinger, R. Keeney, R. Pease +8.	
ST. ANNE: (BAG) 2 Ball: K. Bregoli, N. Dion, R. Finnie, G. Hubbard -2; B. Dickson, M. Dickson, C. Sullivan, T. Courtney -2 (mcc).	
EDGEWOOD: (Men's Association) Front: G. Barcher, M. Raschilla Sr., B. Matthews, S. Hamilton -9; Back: J. Makuch, R. Dion, R. King, T. Chiba -3; Low Gross: G. Barcher 75, M. Raschilla Jr. 76, M. Rusotto 76; J. Makuch 78.	
AGAWAM: (Mixed 2- Person Scramble) J. DiRico, M. Larabee 34; R. Waite, D. Waite 37; R. Zucco, A. Zucco 37; K. Barlow, J. Bonavita 41; J. Harlow, J. Harlow 42; A. Porchelli, L. Porchelli 43.	
CHICOPEE: (Couple's Nine and Dine) J.G. Williams, R. Williams, M. Fogarty, D. Wandas 35; G. Laplante, S. Laplante, K. Laplante, K. Laplante 35; R. Kos, G. Kos, C. Londraville, D. Londraville 36.	
THURSDAY'S RESULTS	
LEDGES: (Easy Rider Senior League) 1st: G. Gagnon, E. Ekstrom, P. Bernier; 2nd: B. Shelasky, R. Cote, J. Knight, S. Mazur.	
VETERANS: (Women's 9-hole Golf League) Even holes - ½ HC: Div. I, B. Tipaldi -12, K. Spring -14; Div. II, J. Kelly -11, T. O'Connor -13; Div. III, M. Ellis -13, C. Cardinal -17, S. MacFadyen -17.	
QUABOIG: (Western Mass. Women's Golf Association) 1st Division Gross: Holly O'Connell 87; Net, Mary Brunelle 66, Jane Provost 71; 2nd Division Gross: Claire Christopherson 99; Net, Carol Border 68, Doris Rivard 69; 3rd Division Gross: Donna Shepard 109; Net, Karen Herzog 75 (mcc), Lee Ross 75 (mcc); Low Putts: Donna Buldrini.	
AGAWAM: (Men's Senior League) Low Gross: A Division, Z. Zielsinski 41, A. O'Quinn 46, T. Wehr 46; B Division, J. Hayes 46, J. Litchfield 55, L. Gresty 56.	
SPRINGFIELD: (18 Hole Ladies League) Gross: Deb Bloom +2, Deb Patten +4; Net: Judy Hogan -4, Gail Griffin -2, Pat Dunbar -2; Joan Garvin -1; Barbara Tourtelotte -1.	

TRANSACTIONS	
BASEBALL	
Major League Baseball	
AMERICAN LEAGUE	
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Recalled RHP Triston McKenzie from Columbus (Triple-A EHP). Optioned LHP Kyle Nelson to Columbus.	
DETROIT TIGERS — Placed 3B Jeimer Candelario on the 10-day IL. Optioned C Wilson Ramos to Lake-land (Low-A Southeast) on a rehab assignment.	
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Traded RHP Hunter Strickland to Milwaukee Brewers for cash.	
NEW YORK YANKEES — Transferred RHP Luis Severino from Tampa (Low-A Southeast) to Hudson Valley (High-A East) for a rehab assignment. Reinstated LHP Zack Britton from the 60-day IL. Designated INF Mike Ford for assignment. Optioned RHP Brooks Kriksie to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (Triple-A East).	
SEATTLE MARINERS — Reinstated INF Dylan Moore from the 10-day IL. Recalled RHP Yohan Ramirez from Tacoma (Triple-A West). Optioned OF Dillon Thomas and INF Donovan Walton to Tacoma. Assigned C Jacob Nottingham outright to Tacoma.	
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned LHP Ryan Sherriff to Durham (Triple-A East).	
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Reinstated LHP Taylor Saucedo to the active roster and made him available for today's game. Transferred RHP A.J. Cole from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL. Optioned RHP Jeremy Beasley to Buffalo (Triple-A East).	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
CHICAGO CUBS — Recalled RHP Trevor Megill from Iowa (Triple-A East). Optioned RHP Kohl Stewart to Iowa.	
CINCINNATI REDS — Recalled RHP Tony Santillan from Louisville (Triple-A East).	
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned RHP Mitch White to Oklahoma City (Triple-A West). Selected the contract of 3B Andy Burns from Oklahoma City. Designated RHP Dennis Santana for assignment.	
MIAMI MARLINS — Placed LHP Trevor Rogers on the 10-day injured list. Selected the contract of RHP Preston Guilmet from Jacksonville (Triple-A East). Signed OF Zack Zenner to a minor league contract.	
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Transferred 3B Travis Shaw from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL. Placed LF Tyrone Taylor on the 10-day IL, retroactive to June 11. Recalled 2B Tim Lopes from Nashville (Triple-A East).	
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Recalled RHP Enyel De Los Santos from Lehigh Valley (Triple-A East). Optioned C Rafael Marchan and CF Adam Haseley to Lehigh Valley.	
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned RHP Mitch Keller to Indianapolis (Triple-A East). Placed RHP Trevor Cahill on the 10-day IL. Recalled RHPs Geoff Hartlieb (3) and Wil Crowe (Indianapolis).	
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Signed LHP Kevin McGovern and RHP Cory Thompson to minor league contracts.	
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned RF Brian O'Grady to El Paso (Triple-A West). Reinstated CF Trent Grisham from the 10-day IL.	
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Reinstated OF Mike Yastrzemski from the 10-day IL and selected him as the 27th man for today's doubleheader. Reinstated C Curt Casali from the 10-day IL. Optioned C Chadwick Tromp to Sacramento (Triple-A West).	
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reinstated RHP Erik Fedde from the IL. Selected the contracts of RHP Jeffry Rodriguez and RHP Andres Machado from Rochester (Triple-A East) and selected Machado as the 27th man for today's doubleheader. Optioned OF Yadiel Hernandez to Rochester. Placed RHP Daniel Hudson on the 10-day IL, retroactive to June 10. Transferred RHP Will Harris from the 10-day IL to the 60-day IL.	
Minor League Baseball	
FRONTIER LEAGUE	
EQUIPE QUEBEC — Released RHP Lachlan Fointaine.	
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed INF Andrew Penner. Released RHP Denver McCarty.	
FLORENCE YALLS — Released OF Mitch Platnick.	
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Released RHP Erik Kaiser.	
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed OF Johnny Knight. Released OF Dylan Jones.	
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released C/RHP Colin Butkiewicz.	
TRI-CITY VALLEYCATS — Released RHP Drew Finley.	
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Sold the contract of LHP Sean Kealey to St. Louis (MLB).	
HOCKEY	
EAST COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE	
FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Activated D Zach Berzolla from the reserve list. Placed F Marcus Vela on the reserve list.	

RED SOX

Pitcher Houck slowly working his way back

By CHRISTOPHER SMITH
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BOSTON — Red Sox pitcher Tanner Houck is slowly working his way back from a sore flexor muscle.

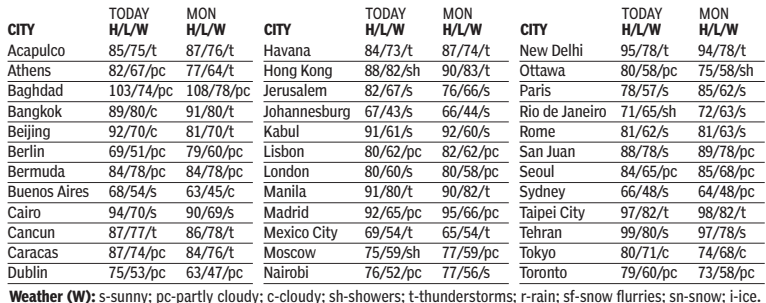
Houck has not pitched in a game since May 4 for Triple-A Worcester.

“He had an up-and-down (bullpen session) the other day,” Red Sox manager Alex Cora said yesterday. “The next step is to face hitters. But he already had an up-and-down, which is good. He’s been bouncing back great. Now it’s facing hitters and then the next step we’ll see if it’s him getting into games. But we feel really good.”

WEATHER

Sunrise: 5:15 a.m.
Sunset: 8:30 p.m.

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CITY	TODAY H/L/W	MON H/L/W	CITY	TODAY H/L/W	MON H/L/W	CITY	TODAY H/L/W					
Albuquerque	91/90/pc	100/72/s	Des Moines	91/67/s	87/62/s	Orlando	90/75/s					
Anchorage	69/50/pc	63/51/s	Detroit	84/63/s	78/59/t	Philadelphia	80/65/pc					
Atlanta	87/72/pc	90/71/t	Honolulu	86/73/s	86/73/s	Phoenix	113/84/s					
Baltimore	82/66/pc	85/64/t	Houston	95/71/t	96/77/t	Portland, OR	72/61/sh					
Charleston, SC	80/71/t	87/73/t	Kansas City	89/65/s	92/68/pc	St. Louis	91/69/s					
Charlotte	88/69/t	91/68/t	Las Vegas	100/80/s	110/85/s	Salt Lake City	101/72/s					
Chicago	88/66/s	81/61/s	Los Angeles	86/67/s	92/74/s	San Diego	74/63/pc					
Cincinnati	87/62/t	85/59/s	Louisville	90/65/t	89/62/s	San Francisco	74/61/pc					
Cleveland	80/61/s	75/61/t	Miami	91/71/t	87/77/t	Seattle	67/57/sh					
Dallas	97/78/s	96/75/pc	Nashville	91/69/t	91/64/s	Tucson	112/78/s					
Denver	93/62/t	96/65/s	New Orleans	93/79/s	93/79/t	Washington, DC	83/69/pc					
HIGHS	-10s	-0s	5s	10s	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70s	80s	90s

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3	WFSB	CBS News	Eye News	60 Minutes (N) Ⓢ	The Equalizer Ⓢ			NCIS: Los Angeles ′		NCIS: New Orleans ′		News	NCIS: N.O.
4	WBZ	CBS News	WBZ News	60 Minutes (N) Ⓢ	The Equalizer Ⓢ			NCIS: Los Angeles ′		NCIS: New Orleans ′		News	Sports Final
5	WCVB	News	World News	Funnies Home Videos	Celebrity Family Feud (N)			The Chase (N) Ⓢ (DVS)		To Tell The Truth (N) ′		News	Sports
7	WHDH	News	News	Inside Edit. ′ Hollywood	Extra Ⓢ			7 News at 9PM (N) Ⓢ		7 News at 10PM (N) Ⓢ		News	Sports Xtra
8	WTNH	News	World News	Funnies Home Videos	Celebrity Family Feud (N)			The Chase (N) Ⓢ (DVS)		To Tell The Truth (N) ′		News	Kia
20	WCCT	black-ish	black-ish	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	DC's Legends		Batwoman "Rebirth" (N)		FOX 61 News at Ten (N)		Seinfeld ′	Seinfeld ′
22	WWLP	6PM News Sun	NBC Nightly News - Holt	U.S. Olympic Trials Diving - Men's Spinboard, Final.	U.S. Olympic Trials Swimming, Finals. (N) ′ (Live)	Olympic Trials				Small Fortune "Grandma Knows Best" Ⓢ		22 News at 11PM (N)	Funny You Should Ask
24	WEDH	New Eng	Pavlo Live in Kastoria Ⓢ		Agatha and the Midnight Murders					The Carpenters: Close to You			Pavlo Live
30	WVIT	News	NBC News	Olympic Trials	Olympic Trials			Olympic Trials		Small Fortune ′ Ⓢ		News	Joel Osteen
34	WTTX	Al Extremo: Fin	Mí pareja puede		Lo que llamamos			Lo que llamamos		Lo que llamamos		La Resolana	
38	WSBK	Castle Ⓢ	Castle "Kill Switch" Ⓢ		NCIS ′ (DVS)			NCIS Ziva Surprises Gibbs.		N.E. Living Two Men		Big Bang	Big Bang
40	WGGB	ABC40 at 6pm	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos ′ (DVS)	Celebrity Family Feud (N) ′ (DVS)			The Chase Three new contestants compete. (N)				ABC40 at 11pm	(35) NCIS (DVS)
43	WHTX	Copa América 2021	Aquí y ahora (N)	¿Quién es la máscara? (N)						Dr. Cándido		Hablemos	Noticiero
51	WDMR	Enfoque	Noticias T	Ecuador Estados Unidos (N) ′ (SS)		** "Non-Stop" (2014, Acción) Liam Neeson. ′ (SS)						Noticias T	TYM Zona
57	WGBY	The Carpenters: Close to You (My Music Presents) Ⓢ		Carole King & James Taylor Live at the Troubadour Ⓢ		Agatha and the Curse of Ishtar Agatha Christie uncovers murders. Ⓢ						Joyful Pain Free Living With Lee Albert ′	
61	WTIC	2021 Copa America Brazil vs Venezuela.		145th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show		From the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, N.Y. (N)						News	Two Men
67	WSHM CBS 3	BISSELL CrossWave	CBS Weekend News	60 Minutes (N) Ⓢ	The Equalizer McCall tries to help a college student.	NCIS: Los Angeles Deeks struggles during training.		NCIS: New Orleans Pride must get rid of dirty cops.				News at 11:00pm	(35) People Weekend
CW	WWLP	Bob's Burgers ′	Bob's Burgers ′	Nightwatch Gun violence in New Orleans. ′	DC's Legends of Tomorrow "Bishop's Gambit"	Batman A familiar foe descends upon Gotham.				22 News At 10 (N)	Seinfeld "The Note"	"Who Gets the Dog?"	
FOX6		(5:00) 2021 Copa America Brazil vs Venezuela. (N) ′ (Live)		145th Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show	"Day 2: Best Of Groups & Best In Show" From the Lyndhurst Estate in Tarrytown, N.Y. (N) ′ (Live)							News	Last Man Standing ′
A&E		Biography: Ultimate Warrior Ⓢ				WWE's Most Wanted Treasures "Andre the Giant"				WWE's Most Wanted		WWE's Most Wanted	
AMC		(5:57) ** "Taken 2" (2012, Action) Liam Neeson. A vengeful father abducts Bryan Mills and his wife. Ⓢ			(7:57) Fear the Walking Dead "USS Pennsylvania"	Fear the Walking Dead "The Beginning"				(1:13) Talking Dead (N) Ⓢ		(1:13) Gangs of London (Season Finale) (N) Ⓢ	
ANPL		Louisiana Law ′	Louisiana Law ′		Louisiana Law ′	Louisiana Law (N) ′				(0:1) Louisiana Law ′		(0:1) Louisiana Law ′	
BET		(5:58) The New Edition Story "Part Three" Ⓢ			The Bobby Brown Story "Part 1" ′ Bobby Brown's career blows up. Ⓢ							The Bobby Brown Story	
BRV		Below Deck Ⓢ	Shahs of Sunset Ⓢ	Shahs of Sunset (N) Ⓢ	Married to Medicine (N)	Watch What ′ Shahs of Sunset Ⓢ						Medicine	
CNBC		Shark Tank ′	Shark Tank ′	Shark Tank ′	Shark Tank ′ (DVS)	Shark Tank ′ (DVS)						Shark Tank ′	
CNN		CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	Barack Obama	United Shades						State-Union-Jake Tapper	
COM		** "We're the Millers" (2013) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis. Ⓢ			*** "Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues" (2013) Will Ferrell. Ⓢ							South Park	South Park
CSN		College Football From Nov. 28, 2009.			College Football From Nov. 26, 2011.					College Football From Nov. 23, 1995.			
CSPN		(3:00) Washington This Week Ⓢ			Q & A (N) Ⓢ	Prime Min. ′ (45) Landmark Cases Ⓢ						Q & A Ⓢ	
DIS		Sydney-Max Bunk'd Ⓢ	Bunk'd Ⓢ	Sydney-Max Gabby	Roll With It	Jessie Ⓢ	Jessie Ⓢ	Jessie Ⓢ	Jessie Ⓢ	Jessie Ⓢ	Jessie Ⓢ	Big City	Big City
DSC		Naked and Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid XL	Naked and Afraid XL	"A Feast of The Eyes" The best 12 of Naked and Afraid.							(0:1) Naked and Afraid	
ESPN		Sunday Night Countdown	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. (N) (Live)			SportsCenter (N) Ⓢ				SportsCenter (N) Ⓢ		SportsCenter (N) Ⓢ	
ESPN2		College Baseball NCAA Tournament -- NC State vs Arkansas. (N) (Live)				College Baseball NCAA Tournament -- Ole Miss vs Arizona. (N) (Live)							
EWTN		Vespers	Sunday Best	Sunday Mass Ⓢ	Sun. Mass Catholics	Life/Rock Holy Rosary				EWTN on Location (N)		Catholic: NY	
FOOD		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Food Truck Race				Beat Bobby Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby Beat Bobby	
FNC		Fox Report	Sunday Night in America	Life, Liberty & Levin (N)	The Next Revolution With	Sunday Night in America				Life, Liberty & Levin Ⓢ			
FREEFRM		(4:20) *** "Ratatouille" Ⓢ	*** "Coco" (2017, Children's) Voices of Anthony Gonzalez. Ⓢ		*** "Moana" (2016) Voices of Dwayne Johnson, Auli'i Cravalho. Ⓢ								
FX		* "Grown Ups" (2010) Adam Sandler. ′ Ⓢ		* "Grown Ups 2" (2013) Adam Sandler. ′ Ⓢ						* "Grown Ups" (2010) Adam Sandler. ′ Ⓢ			
FXM		(4:55) ** "X-Men: Apocalypse" (2016) (4:5) *** "Deadpool" (2016) Ryan Reynolds, Morena Baccarin. Ⓢ		*** "Deadpool" (2016, Action) Ryan Reynolds. Ⓢ						*** "Deadpool" (2016, Action) Ryan Reynolds. Ⓢ			
HALL		"Over the Moon in Love" ′ "The Baker's Son" (2021) Brant Daugherty. Ⓢ			Good Witch "The Kite"	Golden Girls Golden Girls				Golden Girls Golden Girls			
HGTV		Home Town Ⓢ	Home Town Ⓢ	Home Town Takeover (N)	Home Town Takeover (N)	Home Town Ⓢ (DVS)				Home Town Ⓢ (DVS)			
HIST		Food That Built America	Food That Built America	Food That Built America	Food That Built America	Snack-Sized Snack-Sized				Food That Built America			
INSP		GunsSmoke Ⓢ	GunsSmoke Ⓢ	*** "Two Ride Together" (1961, Western) James Stewart. Ⓢ	*** "Pure Country" (1992) George Strait. Ⓢ								
LIFE		"Left for Dead: The Ashley Reeves Story" (2021)	"Secrets of a Gold Digger Killer" (2021) Eli Gabay.			(1:0) "Murder in the Vineyard" (2020) Ⓢ							
MSNBC		Voices-Alicia Menendez Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Voices-Alicia Menendez Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	The Mehdi Hasan Show Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Week-Joshua Johnson Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Voices-Alicia Menendez Ridiculous. Ridiculous.				The Mehdi Hasan Show Ridiculous. Ridiculous.			
NATG		Wicked Tuna Ⓢ	Wicked Tuna (N) Ⓢ	Wicked Tuna "Cursed"	Ramsay: Uncharted	Breaking Breaking				Ramsay: Uncharted			
NBCSB		Anything Is Possible: Olympic Trials	Angling NHL Live ′	Short List	Bourque Outdoor	American Ninja Warrior				American Ninja Warrior			
NBCSN		C. Moore Cruisin' Cruisin' ′	Golf Dest.	Explore New England	Dining Red Sox	NESN NESN				NESN NESN			
NESN		SpongeBob Danger	Dylan	* "Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked" (2011)	Friends Ⓢ Friends Ⓢ	Friends Ⓢ Friends Ⓢ				Friends Ⓢ Friends Ⓢ			
NICK		Bar Rescue "Beach Rats" ′	Bar Rescue ′ Ⓢ		Bar Rescue ′ Ⓢ	Bar Rescue (N) ′ Ⓢ				Bar Rescue ′ Ⓢ			
PARMT		(5:00) *** "Ghostbusters II" (1989) Ⓢ	*** "Armageddon" (1998) Bruce Willis. A hero tries to save Earth from an asteroid. Ⓢ	*** "Death Wish" (2018) Bruce Willis. Ⓢ									
SYFY		(5:30) *** "Godzilla" (2014) Aaron Taylor-Johnson. Ⓢ	*** "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" (2019) Kyle Chandler. Premiere. (4:5) The Cube	Godzilla									
TBS		*** "The Americanization of Emily" (1964) James Garner. A British widow falls for an American officer. Ⓢ		** "How to Steal a Million" (1966, Comedy) Audrey Hepburn, Peter O'Toole, Eli Wallach. Ⓢ	(1:5) *** "Topkapi" (1964) Melina Mercouri. A woman and her lover conspire to steal a priceless dagger. Ⓢ								
TCM		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? ′		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? "All Shook Up" ′	Extreme Sisters ′	90 Day Fiancé							
TLC		(4:45) *** "Tag" (2018)	Wrestling NBA Tip-Off	NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at Denver Nuggets. (Live) Ⓢ		Inside the NBA (N) Ⓢ				The Cube			
TNT		Gumball Gumball	Gumball	Burgers Burgers	Amer. Dad Amer. Dad	Family Guy Family Guy				Rick, Morty Rick, Morty			
TOON		Expedition Bigfoot Ⓢ	Expedition Bigfoot Ⓢ	Expedition Bigfoot Ⓢ	Expedition Bigfoot (N)	Monsters and Mysteries in America (N)							
TRV		Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers Inside Jokes	Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers				Imp. Jokers Imp. Jokers			
TRUTV		Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men	Two Men Two Men	Two Men (4:45) Two and a Half Men	Two Men Two Men				Two Men Two Men			
TVLAND		Copa América 2021	Aquí y ahora (N)	¿Quién es la máscara? (N)						Dr. Cándido		María	Noticiero
UNI		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				Law & Order: SVU			
USA		(4:00) *** "Bad Boys II" (2003) Ⓢ	** "Big Momma's House 2" (2006) Martin Lawrence. ′ Ⓢ			Law & Order "I.D." Ⓢ				Law & Order "Good Girl" Ⓢ		Law & Order "Survivor" Ⓢ	
VH1		Law & Order "Homesick" Ⓢ	Law & Order ′ Ⓢ	Law & Order ′ Ⓢ									
WE		(5:39) *** "Men in Black III" (1:11) *** "Men in Black 3" (2012) Will Smith. ′ Ⓢ	*** "Biloxi Blues" (1988) Matthew Broderick. Ⓢ	*** "Zero Dark Thirty" ′									
ENCORE		Axios (N) Sam Jay	*** "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" (2005) Steve Carell. ′	Treatment Treatment	Treatment Treatment	*** "Varsity Blues" (1999) ′ R Ⓢ				(4:5) *** "Replicas" (2018) Keanu Reeves. Ⓢ			
HBO		(5:45) *** "Battleship" (2012) Taylor Kitsch. ′ PG-13	Treatment Treatment	*** "Snow White and the Huntsman" (2012) PG-13	(0:8) *** "Black Christmas" (2019) Ⓢ	*** The Rite (1:4) *** "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" (2008) Brad Pitt. PG-13 Ⓢ				(0:8) *** "Lucy in the Sky" ′			
HBO2		(1:11) *** "Misery" (1990) James Caan. ′ R Ⓢ											
MAX		(1:4) *** "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" (2008) Brad Pitt. PG-13 Ⓢ											
MAX2		Flatbush Black Mon	The Chi "Native Son" ′	The Kings (N Subtitled)	The Chi (N) ′ Ⓢ	Black Mon Flatbush				Ziwe (N) ′		The Chi ′	
SHOW		(5:00) *** "I, Tonya" (2017) *** "Dallas Buyers Club" (2013, Drama) Ⓢ	*** "Brokenback Mountain" (2005) Heath Ledger. ′ R Ⓢ	(1:5) *** "Spring Breakers" (2012) James Franco. ′ R Ⓢ									
SHOW2		Sudden (C20) *** "21 Bridges" (2019) ′ R Ⓢ	*** "Waves" (2019) Kelvin Harrison Jr. ′ R Ⓢ										
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SPRINGFIELD

Officials prepare for dam project

By PETER GOONAN
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Months after Watershops Pond was drawn down, revealing tons of junk ranging from old cars to high-heeled shoes, the city is preparing for a \$3 million dam improvement project.

The city plans to open bids Wednesday from contractors for the dam improvements and repairs that are slated to begin in July, said Peter Garvey, the city's director of capital asset construction. The dam is located off Hickory Street.

The bulk of the work should be completed by the end of the year, with just some "punch list" items to follow in the spring of 2022, he said. Mayor Domenic J. Sarno said that similar to the Lower Van Horn Dam

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CHRISTINE WHITE

Sticking her toes in life's shallow end

SPRING HAS SPRUNG, and so have I. It's a surprise, even for myself. I have written many times about how I would not go back to the old ways after the pandemic. There are some things I have decided not to pursue.

But as far as running errands goes and "seeing people," the act of "getting out" seems to have come back full force. Again, it's a surprise, even for me.

In the last nine weeks since I have been "fully" vaccinated, I've had two friends over for a visit, and we caught up on a whole year in about three hours – delightful.

Living in this small town, as I do, most things are very close by. So running out to do an errand can be a 15-minute jaunt, just enough to get me outside, driving my car (which I like to do), seeing people, yards, flowers, dogs and who knows what.

My husband and I do take a long walk every day, which does the same, and I love that time together.

Running errands, though, means I'm on my own. I've got my music on the radio. I get to have one of those short chats I like with a friendly clerk, probably someone I've interacted with a million times before, which is the benefit of a small town. And, most of the time, I come back with a smile. Errands and me get along just fine!

I've also caught up on a lot of doctors' appointments that

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GRADUATION 2021



Above left, class salutatorian David Dagenais uses his cellphone for a selfie prior to addressing the audience during the Agawam High School graduation ceremony June 5 at the school athletic field. At right, West Springfield High School Class of 2021 valedictorian Meghan Pinter and salutatorian Devin Gearty lead the 276 seniors to Clark Field for the 147th commencement ceremony June 5. (FREDERICK GORE PHOTOS)



High School of Commerce graduate Angelis Garcia with her 4-month-old son, Zadian Garcia, at the graduation ceremony June 10. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)



Pope Francis Preparatory School's 2021 salutatorian Anna Maria Kelly speaks at commencement June 3. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

WESTERN MASS.

Marking a major milestone

The Republican's photographers have been at high school graduations and senior events around the region over the past week. All of the photos are available online at [MassLive.com](https://www.masslive.com) and galleries will be published in print in coming weeks in the Thursday Plus edition. Here's a sampling of the past week's ceremonies.

At right, Chicopee Comp students have fun at graduation on June 6. At far right, Ariana Ciaschini and Ashley Kellogg display their caps at Westfield High's graduation ceremony June 4. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN; THE REPUBLICAN; FREDERICK GORE PHOTO)



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Officials to reexamine ‘no parking’ signs

More residents being ticketed without warning

By Heather Morrison
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Last month, residents on Dunmoreland Street in Springfield’s Upper Hill neighborhood were surprised to find tickets on their cars and new “no parking” signs on the street. Some residents said they have been parking on the street with no issues for more than 50 years. But the city claimed that no parking signs have been there for decades.

The confusion has led to a larger look at “aged parking scenarios” throughout the city, Ward 4 City Councilor Malo Brown said. “We’re finding that there’s more situations throughout the area,” Brown said. “We looked around and we figured, why not try to fix it in the best way we can?”

Brown and at-large councilor Jesse Lederman began driving around looking at areas with similar parking situations as Dunmoreland Street. Some of those were discussed during a meeting on Monday.

But as more residents reached out, including work from Jynai McDonald, community activist and Ward 4 City Council candidate, the city realized it’s an even bigger issue than that. Additional new “no parking” signs were also placed on Mapledell Street in the city’s Bay neighborhood and in front of Hickory Street park and across the street in Six Corners, McDonald said.

“This is inexcusable,” she said in a statement. “This is a violation of residents right to peaceful enjoyment and quality of life. The city is monetizing on a disenfranchised community and using parking against residents to create means to infringe on the pockets of its own tax base.”

During the meeting on Monday, it was found the list of streets included wasn’t comprehensive enough. Instead, they referred it to the city council’s Maintenance and Development subcommittee. Another meeting will be held to hear about additional streets before it is referred to the traffic committee.

“On some of the streets, the signs are not very apparent and enforcement has been either nonexistent or very uneven,” Lederman said, adding that the more comprehensive look at the entire area will allow them



Springfield residents are getting ticketed for parking on the street after they say the “no parking” signs suddenly appeared.



A few signs appeared on the street before but weren’t legible and not in the same quantity there are now, residents said.

to “arrive at a set of rules that actually make sense for that area today. Those signs, from what we can tell, were put up decades ago, so they don’t seem to meet the needs of today.”

For residents who are concerned about parking regulations on their own street can contact their ward council to be included in some of the conversations.

One of the residents on Dunmoreland Street is 72-year-old James Evans. He has been living on the street for more than 50 years, always parking his car on the street because he lives in a multi-family house and others park in the driveway. Until this week, he said, he never had a problem parking there.

“I got back problems. I got a handicap sticker,” Evans said. “So, that means a lot for me; don’t have quite a walk to the door.”

No parking regulations were put in place for the street in 1971 for the east side of the street and 1972 for the west side of the street, according to documents provided by the city.

But MassLive reported there were a few signs on the street before but weren’t legible and not in the same quantity there are now.

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Mayor Domenic J. Sarno

There were also old poles, which haven’t been signs on them in recent memory, residents told MassLive.

The city said the signs were once put up to make sure students from nearby colleges didn’t park along the streets and that recently there had been ambulance call and a school bus “that reported issues navigating down the street that prompted enforcement.”

Mayor Domenic Sarno announced the \$25 tickets previously given out to the Dunmoreland Street residents were wiped.

“I understand the rationale behind the replacement of the signs and enforcement, however, we need to give our residents proper notification and notice to adjust accordingly,” Sarno said in a statement.

But the residents have made clear, they don’t want the no parking signs at all.

With the help of McDonald, a petition was put together to remove the signs. It recently went before the traffic commission.

But it won’t be resolved until the city has had time to review what other streets need to be included as well.

Brown, however, said Dunmoreland Street residents won’t be ticketed while the city is trying to figure out the new plans. And if they are, to contact him directly.

WEST SPRINGFIELD

Development director cut from \$105M budget

By Michael Ballway
Special to The Republican

Town government will continue to run “economic development by committee,” Mayor William Reichelt said, after the City Council cut a \$60,550 development director position from the fiscal 2022 budget this week.

Apart from that one change, the council passed Reichelt’s \$105.43 million proposed budget, which covers the 12 months beginning July 1. All seven councilors present at the June 7 meeting voted in favor of the budget, although only five of them had voted for the cut.

The council had approved adding the economic development job on a temporary basis in February, but Reichelt admitted on Monday that he hasn’t been able to find any qualified candidates willing to take the job for the salary being offered.

“To get someone good, we’d probably need close to six figures,” he said. “It’d be a tough sell.”

Instead, additional redevelopment tasks will fall to Town Planner Allyson Manuel and the West Springfield Redevelopment Authority, which will see its budget doubled, from \$11,250 to \$23,110. Reichelt warned that “it wouldn’t be the same as having an economic development director.”

Councilor Edward Sullivan proposed the cut. Sullivan said he had introduced a similar position when he was mayor, but because most of the town’s economic growth will come from existing business sites, it makes more sense to focus the funds on the planner and Redevelopment Authority.



WILL REICHELT

Town Council President Brian Griffin and Councilor Nathan Clune voted against the amendment. Griffin said he supports

hiring an economic development director for the same reasons that the council and mayor supported it in February. Helping businesses navigate the permitting process and seek state and federal assistance is a full-time job, he said.

the town’s employee health care budget by \$83,259. Sullivan said making the cut would force town officials to go back to the negotiating table with Blue Cross Blue Shield, in the hopes of securing a reduction in administrative costs. He said those costs have risen dramatically in the past decade, and the budget-cut tactic had worked in the past.

Town Solicitor Kate O’Brien-Scott advised against it. She noted that health insurance costs are negotiated annually, and said the town always tries to get the best rates. Sullivan

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Councilor Michael Eger

Councilor Michael Eger said the town could hire a full-time grant writer — a job title for which a lower salary would be more appropriate — to ensure that local businesses and nonprofits get their fair share of the COVID-19 aid available from Washington and Boston.

“Right now, we have a budget item for a position we can’t fill,” he said. “We (should) eliminate a position that doesn’t work, creating the opportunity for the mayor or someone else to create a position that does work, and can be filled.”

The council voted against another proposal by Sullivan, which would have cut

and George Kelly were the only two councilors to support the proposed cut.

Two other new municipal hires remain in the budget: a diversity, equity and inclusion officer, which the council had already approved this spring, and a police sergeant. The sergeant position will be assigned to the town’s narcotics investigation team.

In all, the budget will rise 3.35%. That includes a relatively modest increase in school spending of 2.18%. The schools will add 16 new positions for 2021-22, but much of that cost will be defrayed by increased state aid and pandemic-related state and federal grants.



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HOW THEY VOTED: STATE

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HOUSE AND SENATE
Tax millionaires another 4% (\$5)

House and Senate held a constitutional convention and approved 159-41 (House approved 121-39, Senate approved 38-2) a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow a graduated income tax in Massachusetts and impose an additional 4% income tax in addition to the current flat 5% one on taxpayers’ earnings of more than \$1 million annually. Language in the amendment requires that “subject to appropriation” the revenue will go to fund quality public education, affordable public colleges and universities, and for the repair and maintenance of roads, bridges and public transportation.

The proposal, dubbed by sponsors as “the Fair Share Amendment,” is sponsored by Sen. Jason Lewis (D-Winchester) and Rep. James O’Day (D-West Boylston). Opponents reject that label and call it another unnecessary excessive tax. The proposal was also approved by the 2019-2020 Legislature and is now scheduled to go on the November 2022 ballot for voters to decide.

A yes vote is for the 4% tax. **Voting yes:** Reps. John Barrett, Natalie Blais, Daniel Carey, Mindy Domb, Patricia Duffy, Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Carlos Gonzalez, Paul Mark, Jacob Oliveira, William Pignatelli, Orlando Ramos, Lindsay Sabadosa, Joseph Wagner, Susannah Whipps and Bud Williams, and Sens. Joanne Comerford, Anne Gobi, Adam Gomez, Adam Hinds, Eric Lesser and John Velis **Voting no:** Brian Ashe, Donald Berthiaume, Nicholas

Boldyga, Michael Finn, Angelo Puppolo, Todd Smola

HOUSE
Reprecincting (H 3863)

House 113-29, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would change how district boundaries for Congress, the state House of Representatives, state Senate and Governor’s Council will be redrawn ahead of the 2022 elections. Traditionally, cities and towns act first in the process by creating their local precincts and boundaries based on the latest decennial U.S. Census population. This time around, the Census Bureau announced in February that as a result of the pandemic it wouldn’t be able to deliver redistricting data by the expected and promised date of March 30, 2021, and have pushed the delivery date to Sept. 30, 2021, with some information possibly arriving in August 2021. This delay makes it impossible for Massachusetts cities and towns to meet the existing statutory June 15 deadline to submit their redrawn precincts to the Legislature.

The proposal, approved by the House, would change the order of things by authorizing the Legislature to take the first step by redrawing boundaries for state and federal offices using census tracts and blocks. Cities and towns would be required to complete their reprecincting work within 30 days after the Legislature finalizes districts.

Secretary of State Bill Galvin, the state’s chief election officer, opposes the bill and said he would urge Gov. Charlie Baker to veto the measure if it reaches the governor’s desk. “Have there been new ethnic communities come in?” asked Galvin at a hearing before the Election Laws Committee. “Have there been changes? Is there new construction? Are there new factors? Local governments are

best able to deal with this.” A yes vote is for the bill. **Voting yes:** Reps. Ashe, Barrett, Blais, Boldyga, Carey, Domb, Duffy, Farley-Bouvier, Finn, Gonzalez, Mark, Oliveira, Pignatelli, Ramos, Sabadosa, Wagner, Whipps and Williams **Voting no:** Reps. Berthiaume and Smola

Changes in election voting laws (H 3862)

House 128-32, approved an amendment that would make mail-in voting and early voting before the biennial state primaries and general elections permanent. Both methods were approved by the Legislature when the pandemic hit but only applied to the 2020 elections.

“Massachusetts voters got a glimpse into an efficient, safe, and convenient way to vote that other states have long enjoyed during last year’s election, with 42% of our commonwealth’s voters voting by mail,” said Rep. Jack Lewis (D-Framingham). “And because of that, even in the midst of a global pandemic, we experienced turnout numbers we haven’t seen in nearly 30 years.”

GOP Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading) said, “This should go through the committee process. The chairman of Ways and Means has tried to impress that upon me numerous times. I don’t understand why that’s not the case here particularly for something that isn’t timely. This doesn’t have to be done ... this doesn’t have any effect on the voters for over a year.”

A yes vote is for the amendment making mail-in voting and early voting permanent. **Voting yes:** Reps. Ashe, Barrett, Blais, Carey, Domb, Duffy, Farley-Bouvier, Finn, Gonzalez, Mark, Oliveira, Pignatelli, Ramos, Sabadosa, Wagner, Whipps and Williams **Voting no:** Reps. Berthiaume, Boldyga and Smola



The Springfield Business Improvement District received \$30,000 to support its Destination Downtown Initiative aimed at increasing foot traffic to businesses affected by the pandemic. It will fund outdoor events, marketing, aesthetic improvements and do other things, officials said. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN)

SPRINGFIELD
Springfield, Chicopee get MassDevelopment funding

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Business organizations in Chicopee and Springfield are among nine across the commonwealth to receive MassDevelopment grants to help boost local downtowns recovering from the impact of COVID-19 pandemic shutdowns.

The Transformative Development Initiative grants were designed to help boost business in Gateway cities, which are mid-sized former manufacturing cities that face economic challenges, boost businesses. They ranged from \$65,000 to \$30,000, officials said.

“Massachusetts’ Gateway Cities are home to dynamic downtowns with one-of-a-kind shops and restaurants,” said Housing and Economic Development

The Transformative Development Initiative grants were designed to help Gateway cities boost businesses.

Secretary Mike Kennealy, who serves as chairman of MassDevelopment’s Board of Directors. “As these neighborhoods recover from the impacts of COVID-19, MassDevelopment’s TDI Local awards will provide a timely boost to help businesses attract and welcome patrons through their doors.”

A total of \$390,000 was awarded to help the organizations support businesses by providing assistance for outdoor dining, sign improvements, marketing,

public events and more, he said.

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The Chicopee Chamber of Commerce will also receive \$30,000 to support marketing efforts, help businesses create outdoor dining spaces and make store improvements in the downtown area, officials said.

MassDevelopment, the state’s finance and development agency, works with businesses, nonprofits, banks, and communities to stimulate economic growth.

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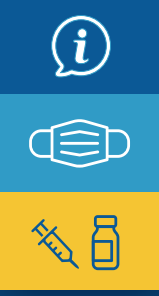


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OPINION

EDITORIAL

China threat won't vanish on its own

IF YOU AREN'T WARY ABOUT THE DOINGS OF THE Chinese government, you haven't been paying sufficient attention. Because Beijing views itself as ascendant, with the United States as yesterday's news.

Thankfully, a broad, bipartisan coalition of our nation's senators passed a bill that aims to maintain our advantage over China. It's now up to the House of Representatives to follow suit.

The Senate measure, which passed on a 68-32 vote, is an effort to curtail China's growing global military and economic influence. It would provide roughly \$250 billion to counter the burgeoning threat from China.

Since the House will be putting together its own package, there will surely be lots of work ahead. And that's just fine. No one should think of the Senate's measure as sacrosanct. What it is, however, is an exceedingly solid step toward advancing our nation's cause to remain supreme in technologies that are of paramount importance today, and will be more significant still tomorrow. Artificial intelligence, for one.

The Senate bill would help our nation remain on top. And that is as it should be, as it must be.

There will be those who'll argue that the plan is somehow anti-Chinese. Or, even more ridiculously, that it is racist. Neither, of course, is true. The authoritarian Chinese Communist Party should not be conflated with the Chinese people. Being suspicious of the doings of the former is only rational.

The Senate measure was sponsored by the body's majority leader, Chuck Schumer, a Democrat from New York, and Todd Young, a Republican from Indiana, two lawmakers who aren't generally thought of as teammates. But they acted together on China, where it matters most.

How bipartisan was the bill? Consider this: In the end, fully 19 Republicans joined all members of the Democratic caucus save one, Bernie Sanders, a Vermont independent.

It would be easy to criticize the Senate bill, finding fault with certain provisions. Fine. Those who'd wish to go down that road should feel free to do so.

But what matters is that the measure is looking to do good now, to counter China's growing global influence. Some worry that it sets us up for a new Cold War. Though that's likely overstating what's occurring, if that's what's ahead, it would be best to win that battle, not come out on the short side of the fight.

EDITORIAL

Oyola-Lopez well suited for city clerk

LADYS OYOLA-LOPEZ KNOWS SPRINGFIELD well. She grew up in the City of Homes and for the past 20-plus years has been a dedicated public servant.

Eleven years ago, when she was sworn in as the first Latinx person to serve as the city's election commissioner and a deputy city clerk, she promised her emphasis would be on community outreach. She pledged to make it her mission to improve voter turnout and boost the return of municipal census forms.

Oyola-Lopez understood then as she does now the importance of voter rights and the need to expand access to all citizens. She understands how critical an accurate census tally is for a city like ours and what it can mean for the future of all citizens of Springfield.

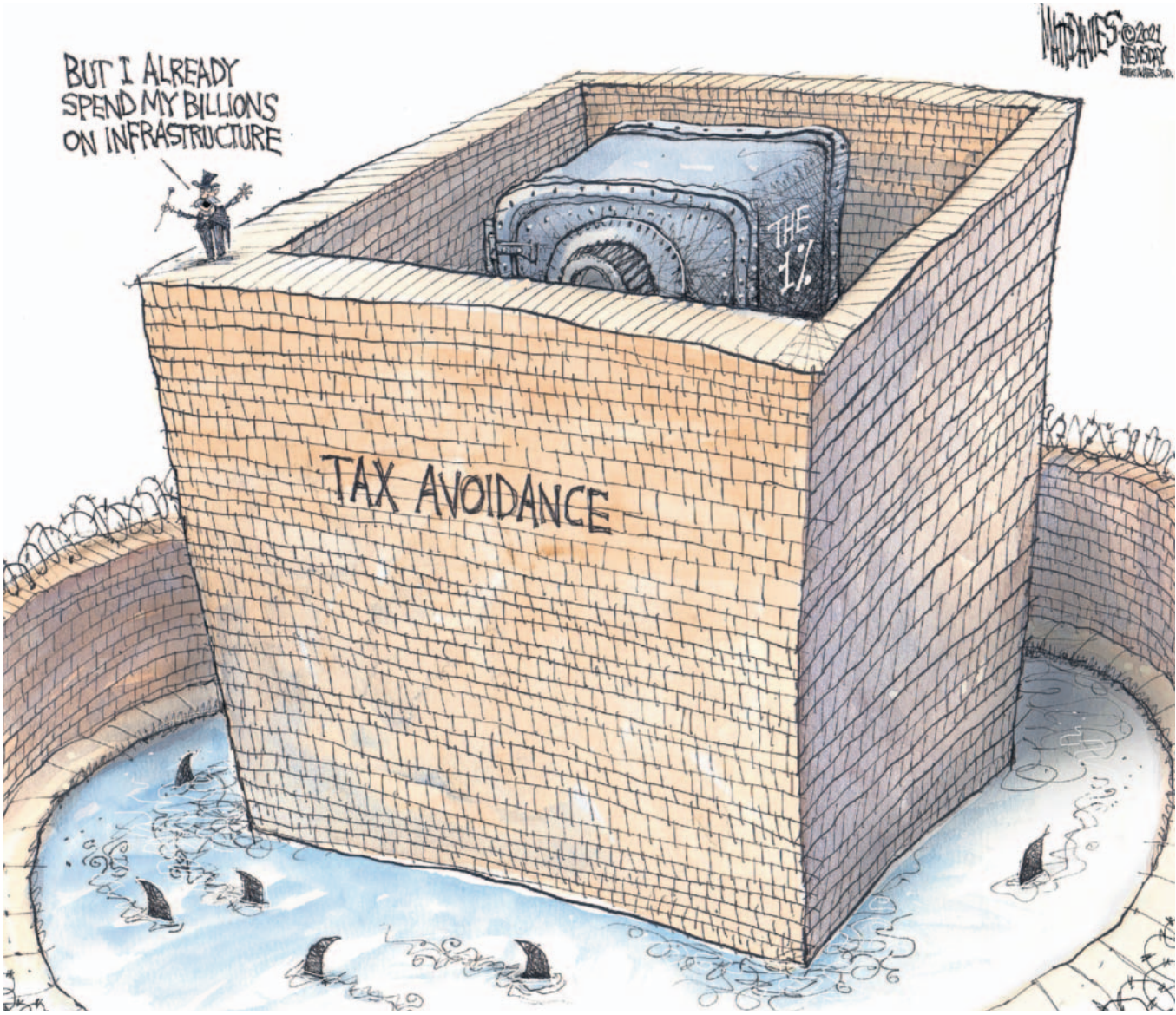
By a 12-0 vote this week, the City Council confirmed Mayor Domenic J. Sarno's nomination of Oyola-Lopez to become city clerk. The mayor indicates he will elevate her to cabinet head status to oversee the clerk's office, elections and the city's 311 municipal services call center.

We understand how Springfield is no different from communities large and small in the continuing effort to get more people to vote. In particular, preliminary elections have proven the most disappointing of results. Two years ago in September 2019, Springfield's voter turnout was only 7.6% and dipped below 4% in some precincts. Last September in the midst of the pandemic that some feared would hobble things, the turnout was 26.9%, double the turnout for the last state primary in 2018. Oyola-Lopez attributed it to ensuring voters had as many means of access to cast their ballots, including mail-in voting.

The city has benefited from her leadership as election commissioner, through her work to expand registration and access to limited English-speaking communities, to ensure all polling places are properly staffed and accessible to all and to reach out to all to bolster census gathering efforts.

Oyola-Lopez told the council that public service is a "passion of mine, (both) personally and professionally." That passion has been obvious for a long time since the days she served as chief of staff to former state Rep. Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera. The legislator's late mother, community activist Barbara Rivera, was, in fact, among Oyola-Lopez's mentors.

There is a time when it makes good sense to promote from within. For the city of Springfield, this is one of those times when it makes perfect sense. Oyola-Lopez has served her city well over the past two decades, and we trust that will continue unabated.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Acknowledging shortcomings makes us stronger

THE FIRST STEP TO fixing any problem is admitting there is one.

As a lifelong Springfield resident, former municipal employee, and current taxpayer who purchased my own first home in our great city, I stand in opposition to remarks made by Police Commissioner Cheryl Clapprood to the Massachusetts Senior Action Council of Greater Springfield. I call on the mayor and City Council to work together to enact the Police Commission without delay to rebuild trust and accountability with our city's police force and our residents.

Springfield has its problems, like any city. A recent Justice Department investigation into the conduct of the Springfield Police Department "revealed chronic issues with the use of force, poor record-keeping on the subject, and repeated failures to impose discipline for officer misconduct." While the Springfield Police Department has made significant strides on the DOJ's recommendation, there is much work to be done.

It is not anti-police to point out our shortcomings and want to address them. I'd argue that bringing that process out into the open actually makes us stronger and safer, and provides an opportunity for buy-in from key community stakeholders. The first step to fixing any problem is admitting there is one.

The city's current struggles are an opportunity to reform. We are missing the moment. We have rules. So let's follow them. A Superior court judge ruled that the Police Commission was legal and valid. Our city is in desperate need of reform and it's time for us to get to work. The most crucial, timely, and relevant reform at hand is the enacting of our long-awaited Police Commission.

ELLEN MOORHOUSE,
Springfield

Abortion legislation wrong for university

As a citizen of Massachusetts and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts I was shocked to learn there is a bill in our legislature to provide abortion inducing medication to students as public university health care.

I will not repeat all the intellectually and morally sound reasons, as former President Bill Clinton famously said, to keep abortion "safe, legal and rare." Suffice it to say, Western intellectual tradition and Judeo-Christian teaching stand squarely in opposition to

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abortion per se. The preposterous position that institutions of higher learning, communities of scholars, should provide abortions should be risible. Shame on us that one must resort to practical reasons against this bill.

Half or more of the people in Massachusetts are at least queasy about abortion. Among them are people who orthodoxy see abortion as a grave moral issue, a matter of conscience. If this bill became law many would not attend, have their children attend, teach or work at public universities in Massachusetts. One need not think prospectively. What about teachers, students and other personnel now at the schools? How many will have their careers and educations disarranged over staying or leaving a school? Ordinary citizens will want to know why they are being asked to pay to educate other children against their consciences' while they can not in good conscience educate there own in the same schools.

Does not entertaining legislation like this put us in grave danger of marching another step closer to self-deification?

JAMES H. TOURTELOTTE,
Longmeadow

Who will be next Trump shepherd?

Now that "the former guy" has largely, however reluctantly, faded to the background, speculation abounds as to the future of the Republican Party. Are we to witness a return to the traditional, respectable Grand Old Party, the party of fiscal responsibility, limited government, social conservatism and a robust foreign policy? Surely, the chaos, dishonesty and cult of personality of the last four years will gradually recede with the displacement of that personality. In time, Mitch McConnell, Marco Rubio and Mitt Romney will reassert the dignity and good repute of yore.

Not so fast. Polls suggest the vast majority of the Republican rank and file are true believers. They completely trust in the gospel of former President Donald Trump. Further, it appears this faith will endure long after "the Prophet." Cynical party notables have come to

understand this pool of support is primed to be led back to power. Josh Hawley, Ron Johnson, Nikki Haley, Ted Cruz, Ron Desantis et al. vie to become the next shepherd of this flock. Each seems to believe this may be their ticket to the presidency. They sense, perhaps correctly, a growing complacency and division in the opposition. They may be right.

WILLIAM KOSCHER,
Ludlow

Baystate closure leaves void in Ware

I started my career with Mary Lane Hospital in September 1990 and retired in June 2016. It was difficult thinking of starting a new job but the wonderful people I worked with put me at ease immediately. I worked first in the emergency, then doctors' offices, the switchboard at night, then the laboratory for the long term.

I saw Baystate come and slowly made changes that led them to the conclusion that our nice little hospital wasn't producing enough revenue. They succeeded in closing Women & Infant, then Davis Wing where patients would go from the emergency room to recuperate.

I went to meetings at our high school with many others trying to convince Baystate not to close Davis Wing, since we would have to send everyone from the emergency department to other hospitals. They wouldn't listen and closed it.

Now the closing of the emergency department and eventual total closing will force everyone to travel distances to seek care.

There were many more emergency room visits than mentioned in papers and information given out by Baystate and can be verified by the many fire and rescues that took patients to the emergency room.

JULIE CAPPE,
Ware

Where does gas tax money go?

I want to know where our gasoline tax money goes? It certainly doesn't go for road repair. The Massachusetts Turnpike and rural roads are so bad my jaws rattle while driving on them.

Where does the gas tax go? And will President Joe Biden quit telling me how much his infrastructure plan will help us?

Where does all the money go? Someone has nice pockets to receive all the nice dollars we spend on gasoline taxes.

ANDREW J. STRONG,
Holyoke

Shame on 'Catholic' politicians

Shame on many of the "Catholic" elected and appointed politicians who represent Massachusetts at the federal and state levels. Shame on them for supporting and voting for horrific and inhumane legislation that kills beautiful, innocent, helpless children, now extended to late- / full-term abortion and infanticide. There can be no greater sin or crime against humanity. Where is the religious leadership in Massachusetts?

AL DILASCIA
Chicopee

Police need to acknowledge past

Police Commissioner Cheryl Clapprood's comments about our client, Delano Walker Jr., who was killed by the Springfield Police in 2009 are, aside from being disrespectful to his family, contrary to the verdict in the federal civil rights case that we tried in 2014. The jury heard all the evidence and found that a Springfield police officer was responsible for our client's death. Specifically, the jury found the officer violated the Fourth Amendment by stopping Delano Walker, Jr. without reasonable suspicion and using excessive and unnecessary force in the encounter that caused our client's death. Jurors did NOT find that Walker ran into traffic for some unknown reason. They awarded his family \$1,262,000 in damages.

The commissioner's refusal to acknowledge the facts of this tragic case helps explain why the citizens of Springfield continue to pay out millions of dollars in settlements and verdicts and why the Department of Justice recently found a pattern and practice of excessive force on the part of Springfield narcotics detectives.

Unless and until leaders at the Springfield Police Department are honest about the department's troubled past, we should hardly be surprised by acts of police brutality in the future.

DAVID HOOSE
LUKE RYAN

OPINION & COMMENTARY

GUEST VIEWPOINT

Juneteenth: Continue the journey of hope

AS MASSACHUSETTS celebrates Juneteenth as an official state holiday, let us go back to 1865. Let’s think about the enslaved African-Americans in Galveston, Texas, who unshackled their hearts and hands to journey courageously forward along the long and winding walk to freedom.

They received news of their freedom some two years after President Abraham Lincoln issued the 1863 Emancipation Proclamation. It was only when Union troops arrived in Galveston that Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger, commanding officer, District of Texas, read “General Order No. 3” on June 19, 1865, that the words confirming emancipation of the enslaved filtered through-out the state.

June 19 (Juneteenth) — known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day and Emancipation Day — should inspire us to think about the meaning of freedom, equality and hope. Juneteenth reminds us that freedom is not free, liberty is not guaranteed, justice is not always served and “truth” may be a matter of interpretation.

Texas Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee once said, “Juneteenth must always remain a reminder to us all that liberty and freedom are the precious birthright of all Americans which must be jealously guarded and preserved for future generations.”

What is freedom? What truths are self-evident?

The history lesson of Juneteenth begins with truth-telling about complexities and compromises about freedom and justice that were made



JANINE FONDON

over time. Amilcar Shabazz, a professor of history and Africana studies in the W. E. B. DuBois Department of Afro-American Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, who guided Massachusetts legislators in pursuit of Juneteenth as a state holiday, said, “The notion of freedom has been compromised in the United States as it relates to the enslaved, the system of human enslavement all the way back to the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and all through American history.”

■ 1776: The Declaration of Independence didn’t address the freedoms of the enslaved;

■ 1789: The U.S. Constitution, crafted by the “founding fathers” (some slaveowners or with wealth related to slavery), protected the transatlantic slave trade and contained the infamous three-fifths compromise agreement between delegates from the Northern and the Southern states that three-fifths of the slave population would be counted for determining direct taxation and representation in the House of Representatives;

■ 1791: The Bill of Rights protected slavery via “slave codes” until the 13th Amendment abolished slavery in

1865, the 14th Amendment granted citizenship to the enslaved in 1868 and the 15th Amendment granted the right to vote in 1870; and

■ 1863: President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1 to declare free “all persons held as slaves within the rebellious states.” While many African-Americans nationally have come a far way by faith since 1865, “freedom,” justice and equality remain on trial with a range of challenges from voting rights to police brutality, education and health.

The journey to Juneteenth in Massachusetts highlights the collective efforts of communities and legislators to recognize the significance of Juneteenth:

■ 1990s A “modern Juneteenth Movement” emerged with passionate community members, including Ben Haith, of Boston, the late Edwina Weston Dyer, of Framingham, and the late Lujana Hood, of Springfield, of the Pan African Historical Museum of the USA;

■ 1997: The Juneteenth flag was designed by “Boston Ben” Haith;

■ 2007: Gov. Deval Patrick first officially recognized Juneteenth in Massachusetts by proclamation;

■ June 2020: With direction by Dr. Shabazz, a group of state representatives filed an act to create the Juneteenth holiday in Massachusetts, including Maria Robinson, of Framingham, Bud L. Williams, of Springfield, Chynah Tyler, of Boston, and Mindy Domb, of Amherst, along with state Sens. Brendan Crighton, of Lynn, Sonia Chang-Diaz, of



State Rep. Bud L. Williams talks about Juneteenth during last year’s observance on the steps of Springfield City Hall. Williams was among the legislators who pressed for passage of a bill to declare Juneteenth a state holiday. (HOANG ‘LEON’ NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

Jamaica Plain, and Jo Comerford, of Northampton;

■ July 24, Gov. Charlie Baker signed Juneteenth into law as an official state holiday;

■ 2021: U.S. Sen. Edward Markey, D-Massachusetts, joined Texas Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee and other legislators to make Juneteenth the 12th federal holiday: “For too long, we have tried to whitewash our nation’s history instead of confronting the uncomfortable and painful truth. This legislation to make Juneteenth a federal holiday is but one step we can take to begin to right the wrongs of the past and ensure equal justice in the future,” Markey said; and

■ 2021: Dr. Shabazz engaged with and inspired legislators over the past year to pursue Juneteenth as a state

holiday. To coincide with the inaugural holiday this week, Shabazz will unveil the stories of Amherst residents Christopher, John, Henry, James, and Charles Thompson, who served in the 54th Regiment of the Massachusetts, 5th Cavalry, who were among the soldiers in Texas for the liberation. “They are laid to rest in Amherst’s West Cemetery,” notes Shabazz, who credits Amherst resident Dudley Bridges with preserving the handcrafted marble tablets, which have been hidden from public view for decades.

We should acknowledge Juneteenth with a renewed commitment to righting the wrongs of history. One organization calls out systemic racism for “contributing to the persistence of race-based gaps

that manifest in many different economic indicators.”

As we embark upon this new holiday for Massachusetts, Dr. Shabazz encourages us to remember that “there were soldiers from the Massachusetts 54th in the regiment that went into Galveston, and moved through Texas, down the Brazos River and out to spread the word by military force about the end of slavery. The immediate result was joy and jubilation — the Jubilee.”

Let’s take that hope and joy on the continued journey to a more perfect union with freedom, justice, and equality for all.

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DAVID BROOKS | NEW YORK TIMES

How to build trust: A practical guide

DISTRUST IS A CANCER eating away at our society. It magnifies enmity, stifles cooperation and fuels conspiracy thinking. So the question is, how do you build trust?

Within organizations, trust is usually built by leaders who create environments that encourage people to behave with integrity, competence and benevolence.

That’s not just a matter of character but of having the right practical skills — knowing what to do in complex situations to make people feel respected and safe. Here are some practices leaders have used in their companies and organizations to build trust:

Assume excellence. The more you monitor your employees’ behavior, the more distrusted they will feel and the more distrustful they will become. Leaders who trust their employees may tell them what to do, but they let them manage their own schedules and fulfill their responsibilities in their own ways. In the 1980s, Hewlett-Packard allowed engineers to take equipment home without a lot of formal paperwork because they had confidence they would bring the stuff back.

Be more human. Many of us over 45 were raised to separate personal life from professional life. This distinction is less recognized by younger generations, who want to bring their whole selves to work and be open about emotions, mental health issues and other personal matters. A couple of years ago, the interns on a team I was leading told me they didn’t feel I really knew them, and they wanted to spend an afternoon sharing their childhood photos. At first, I thought this was ridiculous, but we did it, and it was the right thing to do. We established new levels of vulnerability and emotional rapport. Janice Nadler of Northwestern found that negotiators who spend

just five minutes chatting about nonwork stuff before a negotiation felt more cooperative, shared more information and developed more trust with each other in subsequent communications.

No back-channel condemnations. Many schools, companies and organizations have become snake pits of distrust because leaders have allowed some in the community to condemn others online, without ever sitting in a room with the accused and talking it out. Once this behavior becomes acceptable, the harshest people in the organization take over, and everyone else cowers.

Discourage cliques. A team that has split into different subcultures is bound to become a team in which distrust thrives. Mix people up so they don’t divide into cliques.

Don’t overvalue transparency. There is a widespread perception that people will trust you if you make your organization’s operations more visible to outsiders. This is mostly false. Trust in government was plummeting in 1976 when the federal government passed the Sunshine Act to increase transparency; it continued to decline afterward. One 2011 study suggests that if ordinary citizens are given more information about how a public health care system goes about allocating its resources, their general trust in the health care system is weakened, compared with those given no information on the decision-making process at all.

Maximum feasible vulnerability. Screw-ups are, paradoxically, opportunities to build trust, so long as you admit error and are clear about what you’ve learned and what you’re doing to change. Prosperous times can undermine trust if leaders preen and self-promote. This kind of behavior seems selfish — and thus trust-destroying.

Admit social ignorance. About

It is harder to build trust in diverse societies. Over the past decade we have learned that our social skills are inadequate to the sort of complex society we are living in.

95% of the MBA students in Roderick Kramer’s negotiation classes say they are above average in their ability to size up other people’s honesty, trustworthiness and reliability. The fact is, as research by William Ickes at the University of Texas at Arlington has shown, we’re not always so good at understanding what’s going on in other people’s minds. People who feel mis-seen and misheard will not trust you. The only solution is to constantly ask people what they are thinking and what dilemmas they are facing. Often, we send social signals that are too subtle to be received. Be explicit.

Give away power. In eras when distrust is high, hierarchies of power are usually suspect. Leaders earn trust by spreading authority through the ranks. In his book “The Power of Giving Away Power,” Matthew Barzun contrasts pyramid hierarchical structures with constellation structures in which power is dispersed. Pyramid structures encourage a competitive win-lose mindset, he writes, while constellation structures encourage cooperation.

Answer distrust with trust. People who have learned to be distrusting will resist your friendship because they assume you will eventually betray them. If you keep showing up for them after they have rejected you, it will eventually change their lives.

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Thus, declining interpersonal trust has emerged as one of the greatest threats to America’s future. Rebuilding trust isn’t about good intentions; it’s about concrete behaviors.

PAUL FRIEDMANN | GUEST VIEWPOINT

SSO board committed to ‘sustainable’ future

THE SPRINGFIELD SYMPHONY Orchestra (SSO) is experiencing a watershed moment, not unlike many arts organizations and institutions coping with a rapidly changing cultural and entertainment marketplace, made even more difficult by the pandemic.

Visitors to Springfield often say that it is remarkable that a small city like Springfield is able to sustain a professional symphony orchestra of such high quality.

The symphony, along with other local cultural treasures like the Springfield Museums complex, has been a source of deep local pride.

Those visitors assume there is sufficient public interest in symphonic performances as well as sufficient business and philanthropic support for them.

We hope that is true, though such public interest and support have been challenges.

While the SSO board is feeling its way forward, please know that we believe that our community deserves a symphony orchestra and we are working for at least a short season starting later this year.

Recent media reports have shed light on a number of challenges going forward, including the absence of a new collective bargaining agreement with the musicians’ union.

We continue to work toward an agreement with the union that will allow for sustainability.

That is not the only consideration as we look toward developing a healthy future.

The challenges we are facing here in Springfield are mirrored in larger cities and markets where there are more resources available to support the arts. Administrative costs and production costs keep rising.

Rising costs, decreasing ticket sales and insufficient donations and business support have been depleting endowments.

On paper the SSO endowment seems healthy.

However, the endowment has had to support hundreds of thousands of dollars of annual losses for nearly a decade and is now millions of dollars smaller than it would have been if it had not supported those losses. It would be a breach of the board’s fiduciary responsibility to permit operating losses of that magnitude to continue to erode the endowment.

Nationally and locally, donors seem no longer willing to make up for ever-increasing revenue shortfalls.

So, orchestras need the flexibility to try creative solutions to balance revenues and costs. Contractual minimums held over from more halcyon days deny orchestras that flexibility.

The board of the SSO wants very much to preserve a robust symphonic presence in this region.

But it wants to do so in a prudent and responsible manner, and we look forward to finding a sustainable way forward.

We know that many area residents are rooting for the sustainable survival of this civic gem. That will take the efforts and involvement of all who care about the SSO.

As we move forward the board of the SSO, who are members of our community and deeply committed to the success of the symphony, will continue the painstaking work of planning for a future we can all applaud.

Paul Friedmann is a member of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra board, vice chairman of the SSO management committee and a retired physician.

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AUTOMOTIVE

REVIEW

2021 Cooper Countryman: the largest of Minis

By Matt Degen

The 2021 Mini Cooper Countryman is the biggest model from the British brand known for its small and lively vehicles.

Relative to other subcompact crossover SUVs like the Volvo XC40, Audi Q3, and even its own cousin the BMW X1 (Mini is part of the BMW brand), the Countryman is on the small side and remains an outlier.

Still, the Countryman appeals to drivers who love Minis but simply need something larger and more practical. In that respect, the Mini Countryman has seating for five, moderate cargo space and offers all-wheel drive for enhanced traction in foul weather and light off-roading.

As with other Minis, the Countryman is spunky. It is fun to drive — especially if you opt for one of the optional turbocharged 4-cylinder engines instead of the standard 3-cylinder — and even has a plug-in hybrid model for the eco-conscious. The Mini Cooper Countryman’s sub-\$30,000 price is attractive compared to other premium compact SUVs, but a loaded model can reach nearly \$50,000.

New for 2021 is the Mini Countryman Oxford Edition, a Special Edition Mini that incorporates a generous amount of standard equipment at a price much lower than if you had ordered it all individually. In short, the Oxford Edition Countryman has all the standard equipment of the Classic Trim (leatherette upholstery, an 8.8-inch display, LED headlights, and Union Jack taillights), plus 18-inch wheels, run-flat tires, a black headliner, heated front seats, and an optional contrast roof in white or black.



For fans of the brand, the Countryman has its charms. But compared to even mainstream compact SUVs it lacks the active safety and driver-assistance systems that are becoming standard. For example, while the Countryman has automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise control costs extra, and features like blind-spot monitoring and lane-keeping assist aren’t even available. All of those can be had on a Hyundai Kona or the alluring new Kia Seltos for much, much less money.

Driving impressions

From our experience in past Countryman models, it’s safe to say they all have athletic handling and an affinity for cornering. Acceleration and overall power will depend on which engine you choose. The base 3-cylinder turbo with 134 horsepower is only adequate for daily commutes. With a 0-60 mph time of 9.3 seconds for front-wheel drive (FWD) or an even more laggardly 9.6 seconds with all-wheel drive (AWD), this is unfortunately one Mini we’d have to label as slow.

Unless the majority of your driving is in the city running errands, we’d recommend stepping up to a Cooper S model. It brings substantially more power — 189 hp — and much better acceleration. With that model, 60 mph arrives in 7.2 seconds with FWD and 7 flat with FWD. Better still is the John Cooper Works (JCW), with a snorting, 301 hp. It is seriously fast, zipping from 0-60 mph in just 4.9 seconds. But it also starts around \$42,000, quite the premium. Driving enthusiasts should note that a manual transmission is not available in the 2021 Mini Countryman. All models use an automatic transmission, ranging from a 6-speed in the plug-in hybrid and 7-speed dual-clutch in FWD models, to an 8-speed in AWD variants.

Stay tuned for further impressions after we get behind the wheel of the 2021 Mini Cooper Countryman.

Interior

The Mini Countryman shares a wheelbase measurement with the



In Mini’s lineup of diminutive cars, the 2021 Countryman looks the least like the traditional 2-door Hardtop that re-introduced the brand to America nearly two decades ago. But that doesn’t mean it doesn’t look like a Mini. (NETCARSHOW.COM PHOTO)

Mini Clubman, but it has more rear-seat legroom. This makes it a better choice if you want the Mini for a family vehicle or routinely plan to have friends in back. Long-legged drivers should note that the Clubman offers more front-seat legroom, though. The Clubman slightly edges the Countryman in cargo space, bringing 47.9 cubic feet to the party vs. the Countryman’s 47.6. Since the Countryman sits higher off the ground, it’s easier to get into and out of thanks to a taller seating hip point.

The quality of materials in this Countryman is first-rate, and you can customize this Mini’s appearance with different colors of leather, types of trim, and ambient lighting. A panoramic glass roof is standard, while smartphone charging, a head-up display, a navigation system,

and a premium sound system are options. New for 2021 is an optional 5-inch digital cockpit instrument cluster. That pales compared to the slick and dominating digital instrument panels from Volvo, VW, Audi, and BMW — Mini’s cousin — but it’s a start.

Exterior

Envision what the Hardtop might look like when stretched and lifted, and you have a good approximation of the Countryman’s styling. It may be more practical and accommodating, but there’s no denying its fun-loving looks.

A light freshening for 2021 gives the Countryman redesigned front end and grille, with bright LED headlights and fog lights now standard. In back, the LED rear lights get the Union Jack design of the U.K.

flag.

And in the Mini tradition, you can choose from a variety of paint and roof color combinations, plus several wheel designs. You can further personalize the Countryman with a long list of stripe types, mirror covers, side scuttle designs, and more.

Favorite features

Second-row seating: Unlike the Mini Hardtop, the Countryman offers a comparatively roomy and comfortable rear seat, with decent legroom. The 40/20/40-split seat slides fore and aft, and it can fold, recline and tilt.

John Cooper Works model: We’ll call this the “go big or go home” edition of the Countryman. This top-end model isn’t cheap, but it’s the most rewarding to drive. With

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The 2021 Nissan Versa sports the snazzy, V-motion grille found on bigger siblings like Altima and sculpted body stampings across its hood and flanks. (NISSAN / TNS)

REVIEW

2021 Nissan Versa is roomy, techy

By Henry Payne

The Detroit News

If I were shopping for my first car today? My Neanderthal tastes haven’t progressed much since I was a 22 year old exiting college in 1984. Back then, I wanted speed, speed, speed. And some hatchback utility.

I bought a used VW Rabbit GTI. I’d do the same today. Cost? About \$18,000 with 75,000 miles as I surf the used car ads (the Rabbit is now a Golf).

That said, it’s comforting to see that there are new cars available for that price that don’t stink. In fact, they are quite pleasant. Take the all-new 2021 Nissan Versa I flogged across the Arizona desert recently.

The Versa was a nice week-end date out of the Enterprise subcompact sedan rental pool.

The pool has become a lot

shallower of late.

Detroit automakers have abandoned the segment save the Chevy Spark (a cutie that, alas, was given a coat of vanilla for its 2021 refresh. C’mon, GM, these wee products need to stand out on the shelf!). Want Detroit iron? Hit the used lot. That leaves the new sedan menu to Asian morsels like the Hyundai Accent and Kia Rio appetizers.

To attract first-time American buyers, Nissan goes big. We Yanks take up a lotta room, after all.

I’m a 6’5” giraffe and was shocked that I could sit behind myself in an entry-level sedan. That size continues in the boot, where Mrs. Payne and I stuffed in two carry-ons, a tennis bag and another large bag. That’s more than a Kia Optima can swallow.

Entry-level prices can be a little deceiving for subcompacts as the stan-

dard, \$15,930 Versa comes equipped with a manual and no Apple CarPlay. The former suits me just fine (my first GTI was a manual), but the lack of smartphone capability in the early 21st century is unworkable. Gotta have your smartphone running navigation when wanderlust calls.

So think of my SV-trim tester as the starter price at \$18,130 — still well below what you can find in the SUV class. For that, you get the essential smartphone apps, blind-spot assist, cruise control (adaptive is available on the upper SR trim) and auto high beams. That’s a sweet suite of stuff — and on par with a used 2016 Golf GTI.

What you don’t get for your 18 grand is horsepower. The Versa is gerbil powered — 122 of them.

My interstate merges were done full throttle lest I be trampled by a herd of SUVs

2021 NISSAN VERSA

Vehicle type: Front engine, front-wheel-drive, five-passenger subcompact sedan
Price: \$15,930, including \$950 destination fee (\$18,130 as tested)
Powerplant: 1.6-liter 4 cylinder
Power: 122 horsepower, 114 pound-feet torque
Transmission: 5-speed or continuously variable transmission
Performance: 0-60 mph, 9.0 seconds (Car and Driver est.); top speed, 115 mph
Weight: 2,657 pounds (SV as tested)
Fuel economy: EPA est. mpg 32 city/40 highway/35 combined (CVT)
Highs: Roomy interior; pleasant to look at outside
Lows: No standard smartphone connectivity; gerbil power
Overall: 3 stars

and semi-trucks. With a continuously variable rubber band — er, transmission —

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AUTOMOTIVE

GM limits stop/start feature due to global chip shortage

By Jamie L. Lareau

Detroit Free Press

General Motors will start building some of its most profitable and in-demand 2021 full-size, light-duty pickups and SUVs without the Automatic Stop/Start feature because of a global shortage in semiconductor chips.

The automaker is also making unprecedented plant upgrades to its full-size pickup plant near Fort Wayne, Indiana, to speed up final assembly of tens of thousands of incomplete pickups parked and awaiting chip parts.

GM is also looking to hire hundreds of temporary workers at Fort Wayne Assembly and Flint Assembly plants to help push out pickups.

Since early this year, the auto industry has had to either idle assembly plants or build vehicles shy of all the parts and then park them to await the arrival of chips.

The result is comparatively empty dealer lots and a scramble to get as many vehicles built and shipped as possible when parts do arrive.

The chips, made mostly in Taiwan, are used in a variety of electronics. They are in tight supply after demand for them rose during the COVID-19 pandemic as people bought laptops and other personal electronics that also use them. The chips go into a variety of car parts.

Starting Monday certain full-size SUVs and pickups will not contain Automatic Stop/Start, the feature that turns off the engine when a driver stops at an intersection and then automatically restarts it when the driver steps on the throttle.

“By taking this measure, it will enable us to continue production of our high-demand full-size SUV and pickups as the industry continues to rebound and strengthen,” said GM spokesman Kevin Kelly. “Most of the affected vehicles will experience a minor reduction in fuel economy and customers will receive a \$50 credit on the MSRP for affected vehicles.”

The fuel economy adjustment will vary by vehicle, Kelly said, but generally it is around 1 or 2 miles per gallon on the combined Environmental Protection Agency rating.

The Automatic Stop/Start feature will no longer be available on 2021 model year for the following vehicles equipped with 5.3-liter and 6.2-liter V8 engines mated to 10-speed transmissions:

- Chevrolet Tahoe and Suburban full-size SUVs
- GMC Yukon and Yukon XL full-size SUVs
- Cadillac Escalade and Escalade ESV full-size SUVs
- Chevrolet Silverado 1500 full-size light-duty pickup
- GMC Sierra 1500 full-size light-duty pickup

The trim levels without Automatic Stop/Start include base models, High Country, Denali, AT4, sport and certain trail editions, Kelly said.

GM builds its full-size SUVs at Arlington Assembly in Arlington, Texas. Like many of GM’s plants, it has had to build-shy hundreds of vehicles to await parts.

“Our supply chain organization continues to make strides working with our supply base to mitigate the near-term impacts of the semiconductor situation,” Kelly said in an email.

Cooper

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301 horsepower, standard all-wheel drive, and sport-tuned suspension, the JCW Countryman is a blast.

Standard features

When you buy a 2021 Mini Countryman, you must first decide among Cooper, Cooper S, Cooper SE, and John Cooper Works model variants. These define which powertrain the SUV has. Make sure to select ALL4 if you want all-wheel drive (AWD), which is standard with the SE plug-in hybrid and high-performance JCW.

Next, you get to choose trim: Classic, Signature, or Iconic. Keep in mind that to access the majority of options, you'll need the Signature trim at a minimum.

If you choose the least expensive Countryman (Cooper Classic), you will get a turbocharged 3-cylinder engine, a 7-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission, front-wheel drive (FWD), and 17-inch aluminum-alloy wheels. A panoramic sunroof is also standard on every 2021 Countryman, along with LED headlights, LED fog lights, and roof rails.

Inside, the Cooper Countryman includes black simulated-leather upholstery and a sliding rear seat. The standard infotainment system has a static 6.5-inch display, Bluetooth, a USB port, Mini Assist eCall, and a rearview camera. Rear-parking-assist sensors are also standard, along with Attentiveness Assist drowsy-driver detection and an Active Driving Assistant with forward-collision warning and automatic emergency braking.

Factory options

Unlike even a basic Hyundai, Kia or Honda, you'll have to pay extra for features like Apple CarPlay. Android Auto integration is not available in the Mini Countryman, but Amazon Alexa is for 2021.

Stepping up to the Signature trim adds larger 18-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, passive keyless entry, a power liftgate, dual-zone automatic climate control, heated front seats, and a touch-sensing 6.5-inch screen for the infotainment system.

The Iconic trim adds 19-inch aluminum-alloy wheels, power-adjustable



There's plenty of classic Mini design in this Countryman, from its round gauges and displays to its classic retro toggle switches. (NETCARSHOW.COM PHOTO)

front seats wrapped in leather, piano-black interior trim with ambient lighting, and a sport steering wheel. Additionally, the Iconic versions include a larger 8.8-inch touch-screen infotainment display with Apple CarPlay, satellite radio, navigation, natural voice-recognition technology, wireless smartphone charging, and Mini Connected Drive Services. A Harman Kardon premium sound system is also standard with the Iconic trim, along with an auto-dimming interior rearview mirror and power-folding exterior mirrors.

Choose Signature or Iconic trim for the greatest access to optional paint colors, wheel designs, interior trims, and equipment packages. Highlights include a semi-autonomous parking-assist system, a head-up display, adaptive cruise control, rear-seat tablet computer holders, a programmable garage-door opener, and more.

Engine & transmission

The Countryman offers a choice of turbocharged engines, ranging from rather paltry to downright powerful.

The base 2021 Cooper Countryman is powered by a 1.5-liter 3-cylinder engine that makes 134 horsepower. That isn't a lot of oomph, and it takes well into the 9-second range to reach 0-60 mph with this engine. That's slow by today's standards.

A better choice is the Cooper S Countryman with its turbocharged 2.0-liter 4-cylinder that makes a more appropriate 189 horsepower. That returns 0-60 mph times in the low 7-second range. For the money, this is

our favorite Countryman engine given its blend of power and fuel economy.

The higher-priced John Cooper Works (JCW) is the most powerful Countryman. Its 2.0-liter 4-cylinder has been tuned to make 301 horsepower. It can rocket from 0-60 mph in 4.9 seconds.

Finally, there is the Countryman SE plug-in hybrid. It pairs the Cooper's turbocharged 1.5-liter 3-cylinder engine with a rear-mounted electric motor for a combined 224 horsepower. The combination creates an electronic version of ALL4 AWD with a battery-only driving range of up to 17 miles. Total range is estimated at 300 miles.

All 2021 Mini Countryman models use an automatic transmission. Here's how it plays out: Front-wheel drive (FWD) models use a 7-speed dual-clutch. ALL4 all-wheel-drive (AWD) models have an 8-speed automatic. And the SE plug-in hybrid uses a 6-speed automatic.

1.5-liter turbocharged inline-3 (Cooper Countryman)

- 134 horsepower at 4,400 rpm
- 162 lb-ft of torque at 1,250 rpm
- EPA city/highway fuel economy: 26 / 33 mpg (FWD, automatic), 24 / 33 mpg (AWD, automatic)

2.0-liter turbocharged inline-4 (Cooper S Countryman)

- 189 horsepower at 5,000 rpm
- 207 lb-ft of torque at 1,350 rpm
- EPA city/highway fuel economy: 24 / 33 mpg (FWD, automatic), 23 / 31 mpg (AWD, automatic)

2.0-liter turbocharged inline-4 (John Cooper Works Countryman)

- 301 horsepower at 5,200 rpm
 - 331 lb-ft of torque at 1,450 rpm
 - EPA city/highway fuel economy: 23 / 30 mpg (AWD, automatic)
- 1.5-liter turbocharged inline-3/ electric motor assist (SE ALL4 Countryman)**
- 224 horsepower (combined)
 - 284 lb-ft of torque at 1,350 rpm (combined)
 - Combined EPA city/highway fuel economy: 29 mpg, 73 MPGe

Pricing notes

Depending on drivetrain and trim selection, we expect the 2021 Countryman to cost anywhere from \$28,000 to \$49,000.

The bargain model, by far, is the new Mini Countryman Oxford Edition. Even though it's equipped with extra equipment valued at \$5,600 (and should therefore cost around \$32,000), the new Countryman Oxford Edition is priced at only \$26,500, plus \$850 destination. Mini says this special no-haggle price is possible because there will be no incentives offered on the Countryman Oxford Edition, and it won't be available for lease.

Within the standard Cooper lineup, prices should run from roughly \$29,000 for Classic trim and front-wheel drive to about \$39,000 for Iconic trim and ALL4 AWD. The more powerful Cooper S lineup is expected to span from about \$32,500 to \$43,000. Performance doesn't come cheap, as evidenced by the John Cooper Works lineup, which zooms from about \$42,000 to over \$49,000.

Pricing for the Mini Countryman SE plug-in hybrid is expected to remain over \$38,000. Given the Countryman's pricing spectrum, competitors range from mainstream alternatives such as the driver-focused Mazda CX-30 and adventure-minded Subaru Crosstrek to the Audi Q3 and Volvo XC40. The Countryman plays primarily in the white space between mainstream and luxury brands, where it struggles to deliver value or cachet and can't match leaders in either segment when it comes to the latest features or resale value. Personality is what drives Mini, and if you find the Countryman irresistible,

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Versa

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running the show, the Versa's four cylinders make quite a racket. Leave Tucson to the north and the table-flat desert gives way to the rolling foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. Twisties abound and the versatile Versa is fun to throw around.

Despite my heavy right foot, I managed an impressive 38 miles to the gallon — better than the advertised 35 mpg EPA — over some 300 miles of driving. While you won't confuse Versa's interior for its fancy Sentra big brother (a contender for last year's North American Car of the Year), it never discomfited my big frame.

The cloth seats fit nicely, and the instrument display is split between an analog speedometer and digital display.

I thumbed through digital pages that featured mpg, mph and tire pressure data. Typical of Nissan, engineers have included thoughtful details throughout.

Door-mounted mirrors, for example, make for better outward visibility. Unscrewing a Snapple bottle at a stoplight, I yearned for a little door handle-mounted cubby to store the cap. There it was, right at my elbow.

Still, having spent the week before my Versa date in \$30K-plus compact SUVs, I was quickly reminded of how spoiled modern electronics have made me.

In the sub-\$20K subcompact class, passive key entry is a luxury. I had to unlock the doors manually with the fob as well as the trunk.

Safety features like auto-shift-into-park-when-the-door-opens and adaptive cruise control have expanded the safety cocoon around more expensive vehicles.

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HOLYOKE

Council mulls renaming Columbus Day

BY DENNIS HOHENBERGER
Special to The Republican

Ward 4 Councilor Libby Hernandez has proposed that the City of Holyoke replace Columbus Day in October with Indigenous People Day.

Hernandez presented the order at Wednesday’s Public Service Committee chaired by Councilor At-Large James Leahy. The order stated that “The City of Holyoke consists of more than 50% of its population being Latinos, predominantly Puerto Rican heritage.”

The original order was filed by former Ward 2 Councilor Nelson Roman, who resigned his seat in December 2018.

The City of Easthampton recognizes the second Monday in October as Indigenous People Day.

“The matter of celebrating Columbus Day, it implies that (Christopher) Columbus was a hero for discovering a world in which people and nations were already established,” Hernandez said, “and cultures that already existed.”

Hernandez added that Columbus’s initial 1492 voyage and subsequent trips led to slavery, colonialism and “oppression that culminated in genocide.”

She envisioned Indigenous People Day as a time for the community to celebrate the languages and cultures of the underrepresented or no longer here. “This holiday (Columbus Day) contributes to the teaching of the wrong information given to children and schools,” she said.

Several speakers offered support for the resolution, including Elizabeth Caretti Ramirez, of Bemis Road.

Caretti Ramirez said she was a proud Italian American whose family maintained roots in the home country.

While in college, she read Columbus’ original diary in Spanish. She quoted a passage that mentioned violence, slavery, and the sexual assault of a Caribbean captive perpetrated by Columbus.

Caretti Ramirez said others might accuse her of being a revisionist historian. Still, logs from Columbus’ second voyage reveal continued violence against the Indigenous population, the Taino of the West Indies.

“With this truth of history, why would we choose Christopher Columbus to bring pride to the Italian Americans?” Caretti Ramirez asked. “I’m so baffled by this. What about (Leonardo) da Vinci? There’re so many amazing Italians that we could be celebrating and looking up to. And we have to pick a racist, genocidal murderer.”

Caretti Ramirez added that many of Holyoke’s Latino community trace roots to the Taino. She urged the council to pass the resolution.

The City of Easthampton recognizes the second Monday in October as Indigenous People Day.

Councilor At-Large Howard Greaney said New Haven, Connecticut, renamed Columbus Day as Italian Heritage Day.

Councilor At-Large Rebecca Lisi said the Holyoke Public Schools celebrates Indigenous People Day. She was under the impression the City of Holyoke followed suit and adopted the change.

“We should honor the truth of that history that there were Indigenous People here and that their culture has been relegated to the margins at best or even irradiated in some instances,” Lisi said.

She added, “The land the City of Holyoke is on was the land of three different native peoples, one of which is completely irradiated at this point.”

Juan Sanchez, the chair of nonprofit Nueva Esperanza, said the City of Holyoke was “not going out on a limb” by the changes in the holiday’s name.

“We are sending a strong message of solidarity with the Indigenous community and against atrocities unfortunately that are part of Columbus’ history, and we often don’t recognize,” Sanchez said.

Councilor Joseph M. McGiverin pointed out that no resolution was before the committee. Leahy said the vote was that the order was complied with or addressed.

Lisi and Hernandez countered the order was to rename the holiday in the city officially. “Instead of observing that holiday (Columbus Day), we change

it to recognize Indigenous People,” Hernandez said.

McGiverin said the council must vote on an actual resolution to formalize the change. Hernandez said she would draft and file the resolution before the City Council.

Holyoke Media lives-treamed Wednesday’s meeting.

“The matter of celebrating Columbus Day, it implies that (Christopher) Columbus was a hero for discovering a world in which people and nations were already established, and cultures that already existed.”

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I avoided during the height of the pandemic. They’ve just been check-ups, but at my age check-ups are vital.

I’ve also started meeting again with friends.

In the last nine weeks since I have been “fully” vaccinated, I’ve had two friends over for a visit, and we caught up on a whole year in about three hours — delightful.

I’ve been to my new primary care doctor’s office for a blood pressure check and lab work. My new doctor is leaving for Arizona in two weeks, permanently, and I have yet to meet her, though we’ve had helpful and pleasant telephone appointments since I signed on with her in late January. Now, though, she’s leaving like so many others, which seems to be the state of medicine in Western Massachusetts these days, and a story for another day.

I’ve been to the Fleet Feet store three times, looking for a new pair of walking shoes, and have finally found one I love.

We’ve decided to wait several weeks to see what happens once everything is fully opened up and all (or most) pandemic-related restrictions are removed. If cases don’t spike, then we’ll consider jumping back into the deep end. If cases do spike, we’ve protected ourselves.

I’ve sat twice in our backyard to visit with a neighbor who I’m helping to brush up on bridge, though really we’re helping each other get reacclimated to the game after not playing for a while.

I’ve been to my eye doctor for a check-up that was long overdue.

I’ve been to my dentist to have a partial filling replaced.

I’ve been to Home Depot to pick up a microwave I ordered online.

I’ve been to CVS several times, as well as Big Y.

I’ve had my hair cut, twice.

And, I’m looking forward to having four women friends over for a “tea party.”

Most importantly, we are soon going to New Hampshire to see our little grandson for the first time in over a year. And, shortly after that, we’re heading to our cottage in Maine where we’ll be joined by my son, and by my daughter and son-in-law. What could be better?

I know. Not much in the way of real adventure, right? But that’s what these jaunts feel like after over a year of hibernation with only rides with my husband in our car to photograph barns for our pandemic outings.

To be honest, there are some things we 70-somethings are still not ready to do. Like go into a store without a mask on, dine inside a restaurant or attend a large social gathering.

We’ve decided to wait several weeks to see what happens once everything is fully opened up and all (or most) pandemic-related restrictions are removed. If cases don’t spike, then we’ll consider jumping back into the deep end. If cases do spike, we’ve protected ourselves.

In the meantime, we’re getting our toes wet, testing the temperature of the water and even that feels wonderful!

Christine Z. White is a freelance writer for The Republican. She lives in Longmeadow.



Junk can be seen along Watershops Pond in Springfield after the drawdown last fall. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

Pond

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rehabilitation project completed in 2018, the improvements at Watershops Pond will help protect the safety of residents and businesses from flooding during major storms.

The Watershops Pond Dam is classified as having “high hazard” potential, including in the South End area. The city successfully applied for project funds under the National Disaster Resilience Competition federal grant program.

Garvey said the dam project “is important to the neighborhood, including it will clean up the pond and improve the water quality, and allow us to lower the elevation of the pond in case of a major storm event.”

The dam is a concrete and

masonry gravity dam owned by the city. The National Inventory of Dams says the Springfield dam dates back to 1824, although other historical records indicate it could be older.

The improvements in part will enhance the city’s ability to draw down the pond, when needed, to prevent flooding downstream, Garvey said. The pond is also known as Lake Massasoit.

Watershops Pond was deliberately lowered by 12 feet last fall, needed before the dam improvements could begin, Garvey said. The water depth is scheduled to be restored in the spring of 2022, occurring after further cleanup and repairs, he said.

The drawdown in the fall uncovered a slew of junk that included six cars, old bicycles,



Geese walk along Watershops Pond months after it was drawn down, revealing tons of junk. The city plans to open bids Wednesday from contractors for \$3 million in dam improvements and repairs that are slated to begin in July. (HOANG 'LEON' NGUYEN / THE REPUBLICAN)

metal, a safe, assorted guns, and at least one pair of high-heeled shoes.

The Police Department got rid of the junk cars and the city is in the process of hiring a company for cleanup of various debris in the watershed area, Garvey said.

The contract for the dam improvement work has estimated cost of \$1.6 million, but the total cost of \$3 million includes the additional expense of new gates and a new hydraulic power unit being fabricated by other companies, Garvey said.

The work includes replacement of a bascule crest gate and two sluice gates at the dam, the hydraulic power unit, site demolition work, sediment and erosion controls, clearing and grubbing, control of water, earth work, reinforced concrete, stone masonry repairs, a gravity-type retaining wall, paving and surfacing, according to the city’s request for bids.

Ward 7 City Councilor Timothy Allen said residents have been meeting to discuss strategies to improve the water quality and use of the pond

in conjunction with the dam improvements.

“The whole project gives us an opportunity to clean up the lake and improve the water quality,” Allen said. “While fixing it, let’s take some initiative ... and see if we can make this beautiful lake more usable.”

Garvey said the city is working in conjunction with the residents in addressing cleanup and water quality issues.

Contractor bids are slated to be opened at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Office of Procurement at City Hall.

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Off The Charts

Many Americans who moved last year relocated to areas where homes were, on average, bigger and less expensive.

On average, people who moved to a different city in 2020 ended up in a ZIP code where average home values were nearly \$27,000 lower than in their previous ZIP code, according to Zillow.

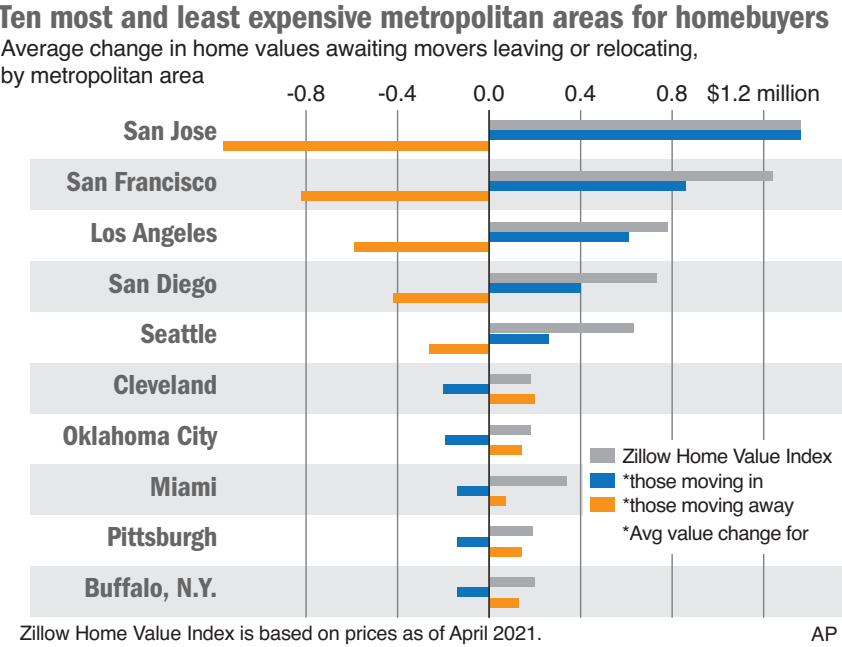
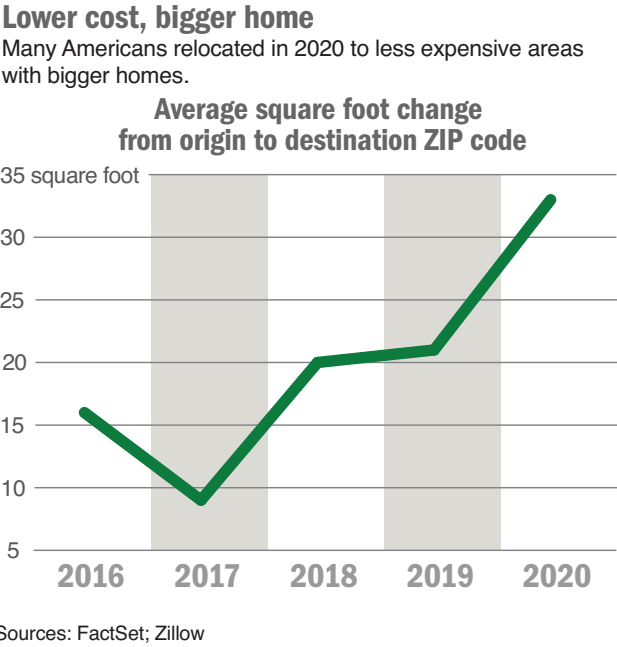
People who relocated last year also moved to ZIP codes where the average home sold was 33 square feet bigger than their previous home, the real estate information company said.

Zillow based its findings on an analysis of data from tens of thousands of moves nationwide handled by relocation company North American Van Lines.

While the data doesn't show how many people who moved ended up buying a home, it suggests many Americans used the pandemic, and the broader acceptance of working remotely, as an opportunity to flee higher-cost metropolitan areas.

Less pricey US housing markets draw movers

By Alex Veiga; Jenni Sohn



National Averages, Friday: Money Market Account 0.08% 1-year CD 0.30% 5-year CD 0.45% 60-month new car loan 4.20% \$30K home equity loan 4.68% 30-year fixed mortgage 3.08%

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COMPANY	TICKER	52-WK RANGE		FRIDAY CLOSE	\$CHG 1WK	%CHG %RTN WK				VOL'000s	YLD
		LOW	HIGH			1MO	1QTR	YTD	1YR		
AMC Entertainment A	AMC	1.91	72.62	49.40	1.49	▲	▲	2230.2	723.7	1,150,428	...
Aethlon Medical	AEMD	1.22	12.49	6.49	4.28	▲	▲	162.8	605.2	295,977	...
Apple Inc	AAPL	81.83	145.09	127.35	1.46	▼	▲	-4.0	48.8	326,559	0.7
Avery Denn	AVY	109.07	226.19	219.35	-0.97	▲	▲	41.4	80.2	2,140	1.2
Bank of America	BAC	22.39	43.49	41.86	-1.41	▼	▲	38.1	52.5	189,906	1.7
Barings Corporate	MCI	11.62	15.32	15.00	-0.13	▼	▲	13.8	15.6	96	6.4
Barings Participat	MPV	10.22	13.99	13.55	-0.11	▼	▲	14.0	11.0	52	8.0
Berkshire Hills Bcp	BHLB	8.55	28.89	27.87	-0.28	▲	▲	62.8	111.4	1,490	1.7
BlackBerry Ltd	BB	4.37	28.77	14.18	0.32	▲	▲	113.9	143.4	586,379	...
Clean Energy Fuels	CLNE	2.01	19.79	10.80	1.49	▲	▼	37.4	463.6	305,937	...
Clover Hlth Inv	CLOV	6.31	28.85	15.03	6.03	▲	▲	-5.5	0.0	1,522,239	...
ContextLogic Inc	WISH	7.52	32.85	10.00	1.71	▲	▼	-45.2	0.0	751,881	...
Danaher Corp	DHR	164.51	261.43	247.02	4.75	▼	▲	11.2	42.5	15,153	0.3
Eversource Energy	ES	76.64	96.66	82.81	0.77	▼	▲	-4.3	1.1	7,510	2.7
Ford Motor	F	5.74	16.46	15.28	-0.69	▲	▲	73.8	113.8	377,637	...
Hasbro Inc	HAS	69.33	101.24	97.47	2.23	▲	▲	4.2	23.9	2,463	2.8
Invesco Mitg Cap	IVR	2.53	8.40	4.25	0.89	▲	▲	25.7	21.9	304,488	5.6
McCormick & Co	MKC	82.03	105.54	88.85	-0.96	▼	▲	-7.1	4.5	6,619	3.1
McKesson Corp	MCK	139.77	204.66	195.50	0.56	▲	▲	12.4	19.3	5,402	0.9
Newell Brands Inc	NWL	14.61	30.10	28.04	-0.23	▼	▲	32.1	73.4	8,034	3.3
NiSource Inc	NI	21.09	26.60	26.01	0.52	▲	▲	13.4	6.7	18,029	3.4
Ocugen Inc	OCGN	0.19	18.77	6.34	-2.38	▼	▼	246.4	3013.7	331,154	...
Peoples Utd Fncl	PBCT	9.74	19.62	18.29	-0.73	▼	▼	41.5	42.8	13,216	4.0
Pfizer Inc	PFE	31.61	43.08	40.15	1.00	▲	▲	9.1	20.6	152,031	3.9
Smith & Wesson	SWBI	14.50	27.79	21.22	-0.24	▲	▲	19.5	65.8	4,490	...
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Company Spotlight

Bustin' out

Dave & Buster's posted first-quarter profits that surprised Wall Street, which was expecting the restaurant and family entertainment company to post more losses.

Dallas-based Dave & Buster's earned 40 cents in the period, topping the 16 cents-per-share loss that analysts had forecast. The company, whose outlets serve as restaurants, sports bars and arcades for all ages, suffered



losses in each of the previous four quarters as its venues were largely closed or limited in capacity throughout the pandemic. As of May 2, 138 of 141 stores were open.

"We saw a significant improvement in demand across our store base in the first quarter, including at our recently re-opened New York and California stores," said CEO Brian Jenkins.

Dave & Buster's fell by 2.8% to \$42.87, reversing nearly all this week's gains.

Dave & Buster's (PLAY)	Friday's close: \$42.87, -1.21	Total return 1-yr 3-yr* 5-yr*
52-WEEK RANGE	Price-earnings ratio: Lost money	PLAY 193.0% -7.6 -1.3
\$11	(Based on past 12-month results)	Market value: \$2.06 billion
AP		*annualized Source: FactSet

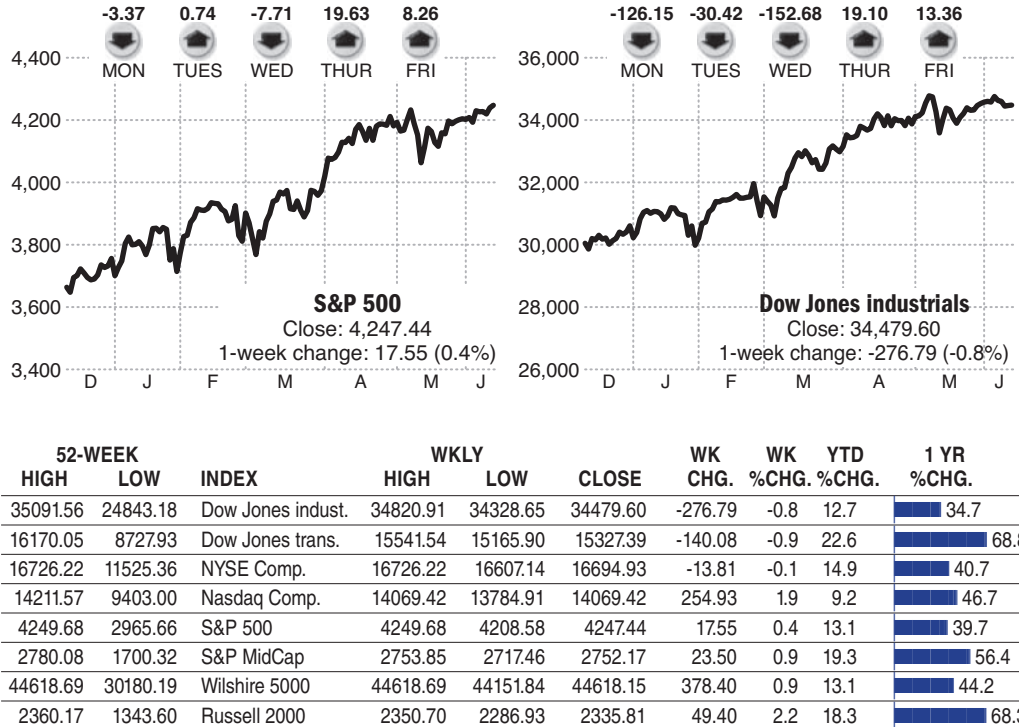
Story Stocks

Wall Street closed out a mostly listless week for stocks Friday with a wobbly day of trading that helped nudge the S&P 500 to its third straight weekly gain. The benchmark index edged higher to a record for the second day in a row.

Technology companies and banks accounted for much of the upward move. The gains were offset by a broad slide for health care stocks, as several companies gave investors disappointing development updates.

Vertex Pharmaceuticals VRTX Close: \$193.02 ▼-23.75 or -11.0% The biotechnology company ended development of a potential treatment for a genetic condition that targets the liver. \$240 180 200 220 M A M J 52-week range \$192.88 \$306.08 Vol.: 13.7m (8.5x avg.) PE: 18.8 Mkt. Cap: \$50.0 b Yield: ...	Dave & Buster's PLAY Close: \$42.87 ▼-1.21 or -2.8% The restaurant and arcade owner beat Wall Street's first-quarter earnings forecasts. \$50 40 45 50 M A M J 52-week range \$11.23 \$51.73 Vol.: 6.2m (4.5x avg.) PE: ... Mkt. Cap: \$2.1 b Yield: 1.5%	Incyte INCY Close: \$82.58 ▼-4.95 or -5.7% The biotechnology company's potential eczema cream ruxolitinib faces a delayed regulatory review. \$90 75 80 85 M A M J 52-week range \$75.52 \$110.37 Vol.: 2.7m (2.3x avg.) PE: 38.1 Mkt. Cap: \$18.2 b Yield: ...
Precigen PGEN Close: \$7.33 ▲0.34 or 4.9% The biotechnology company gave investors an encouraging development update for a potential diabetes treatment. \$10 6 8 M A M J 52-week range \$3.36 \$11.10 Vol.: 11.6m (9.7x avg.) PE: ... Mkt. Cap: \$1.5 b Yield: ... SOURCE: Sungard	Magnachip MX Close: \$25.91 ▲2.86 or 12.4% The chipmaker, which agreed to a buyout from South Dearborn, received a bigger offer from Cornucopia Investment Partners. \$30 20 25 M A M J 52-week range \$9.93 \$26.98 Vol.: 6.7m (5.8x avg.) PE: 12.3 Mkt. Cap: \$1.2 b Yield: ...	Royal Caribbean Group RCL Close: \$90.09 ▼-0.54 or -0.6% The cruise line operator said two guests sharing a stateroom onboard its Celebrity Millennium tested positive for COVID-19. \$100 70 80 90 M A M J 52-week range \$45.06 \$99.24 Vol.: 3.9m (1.0x avg.) PE: ... Mkt. Cap: \$22.9 b Yield: 3.5% AP

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Tweaks to Apple's core device

Apple wants your iPhone to do more than act as a pocket computer and texting device (and take the occasional voice call) by linking it to more everyday uses.

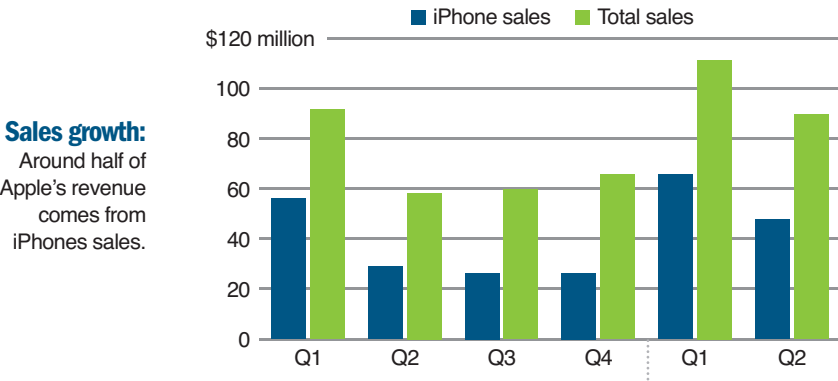
This week Apple previewed the iPhone's latest operating system, iOS 15. Rollout is expected in the fall, likely along with a brand new iPhone.

The new software lets you unlock your front door with your phone, and lets you store your government-issued ID on the device, in case you leave your wallet at home and still need to



board a plane, for example. There are privacy improvements too: Users will be able to see who apps are sharing their data with in a new section in Settings called "App Privacy Report," and trackers will no longer be able to tell if and when users open emails.

Around half of Apple's revenue comes from iPhone sales. Growth has slowed as people hold onto their phones longer, but the release of four iPhone 12 models last fall has juiced sales. Apple introduced a purple version of the iPhone 12 in April.



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Money Matters

Is your wedding budget ready for the reception resurgence?

By Lauren Schwahn
NerdWallet

Wedding celebrations largely took a hiatus after the COVID-19 pandemic was declared in 2020. Among couples who had a set wedding date between March and December 2020, 47% postponed their wedding receptions, according to The Knot's 2020 Real Weddings COVID Study. The trend continued this year.

In March, New York City couple Lindsay Holmes and Sean Brech pushed their wedding date from August 2021 to May 2022. "So many things were unclear at the time," Brech says. "We wanted to push it out to 2022 to have the best possible wedding like how we originally envisioned it."

Now, as the percentage of vaccinated Americans grows and restrictions ease, celebrations are roaring back. If you're moving forward with or modifying wedding plans, here's how to prepare your budget.

CONNECT WITH VENUES AND VENDORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

The high volume of couples who postponed weddings has created a "pent-up demand" for venues and vendors, says Lauren Kay, executive editor at The Knot. That's restricting availability, and in some cases, leading businesses to raise prices.

If you haven't secured the locations and services you need, start now. The longer you wait, the less flexibility you may have choosing your preferred date or vendors.

Amanda Berg, senior growth marketing manager for the wedding planning and registry website Zola, and fiancé Jesse Krieger stress the importance of contacting vendors early. The couple, who plan to wed in Bedminster, New Jersey, next spring, learned how competitive



the search was when they began looking into photographers. "Some of them were booked already for May 2022, and we were doing this planning in October, November of 2020," Krieger says. "Fortunately, we got everyone we wanted, partly because we got such a head start."

Couples who've already signed contracts should ask about fees, restrictions or scheduling conflicts before altering plans. You could lose a deposit when you switch to a larger venue or face charges to rent extra chairs.

PRIORITIZE AND PARE DOWN SPENDING

Couples are feeling optimistic about gathering in person and having a larger guest count that feels more like the wedding they imagined pre-pandemic, according to Kay. But as the

guest list increases, so do expenses.

"That's going to not only affect the costs for catering, but also for the number of chairs, the centerpieces and number of tables," says Melanie Tindell, owner and event planner of Oak + Honey Event Planning in Cleveland.

These growing expenses aren't compatible with all budgets. If you want a bigger celebration, you might have to make some trade-offs, Kay says. Focus your spending on the elements that matter most to you and scale back others.

Berg and Krieger are allocating more of their budget toward a band and open bar, and less on details they say are "nice, but don't make or break a party," like invitations and floral arrangements.

BUDGET FOR SAFEGUARDS

The pandemic isn't behind us. Venues or couples may require masks for guests, ample space for social distancing and other precautions to ensure the health and safety of attendees. This often carries additional costs.

"If you're going to need to keep track of who's vaccinated and who's not vaccinated, that could potentially become a cost because you may want an additional vendor to handle that," Tindell says.

Keep up to date on local guidance and set expectations with your venue, vendors and guests. Plans can change unexpectedly. Consider looking into wedding insurance in case you need to cancel or postpone the event. Tindell says wedding insurance doesn't typically cover coronavirus-related reasons. But it can still reimburse you for disruptions due to circumstances like severe weather or injury. Same goes for travel insurance for honeymoons: Before purchasing a policy, make sure you understand what it covers.

MAP OUT EXPENSES

It's easy to lose track of what you're paying for and when, especially if you switch dates or vendors. Mark down payment due dates as you go to avoid late fees from vendors and credit card issuers.

Engaged couple Holmes and Brech also recommend keeping a running list of expenses. "We created a budgeting doc to track every little thing we could possibly need so we know there aren't going to be a ton of surprises when we actually have to end up paying for something," Holmes says.

Planning out purchases can help you estimate wedding costs and adjust your budget as needed.

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The Week In Review

GAMESTOP TAPS AMAZON VETERANS FOR TOP JOBS

Meme stock GameStop has named a pair of Amazon veterans to lead its much anticipated digital turnaround.

Matt Furlong, who most recently oversaw Amazon's Australia business and spent nine years with the company, will start as CEO on June 21. Mike Recupero, who most recently was CFO of Amazon's North American consumer business, will begin as chief financial officer on July 12.

GameStop's stock has been

on a wild ride, soaring more than 1,500% this year as waves of small-pocketed investors piled in on hopes that it can transform itself into an e-commerce powerhouse after sales at its brick-and-mortar stores faltered.

GameStop said Wednesday that the Securities and Exchange Commission's staff is conducting an investigation into trading of its stock and shares of other companies. The company said that it doesn't expect the inquiry to hurt it.



PLUG PULLED ON KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE

The sponsor of the Keystone XL crude oil pipeline pulled the plug on the contentious project Wednesday after Canadian officials failed to persuade President Joe Biden to reverse

western Canada to Steele City, Nebraska.

Construction on the 1,200-mile (1,930-kilometer) pipeline began last year when former President Donald Trump



revived the long-delayed project after it had stalled under the Obama administration. It would have moved up to 830,000 barrels (35 million gallons) of crude daily, connecting in Nebraska to

his decision to cancel its permit on his first day in office.

Calgary-based TC Energy said it would work with government agencies "to ensure a safe termination of and exit" from the partially built pipeline, which was to transport crude from the oil sand fields of

other pipelines that feed oil refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Biden canceled the pipeline's border crossing permit in January over longstanding concerns that burning oil sands crude could make climate change worse and harder to reverse.

CLOUD OUTAGE LEADS TO GLOBAL WEBSITE DISRUPTIONS

Dozens of websites went down briefly around the globe Tuesday, including CNN, The New York Times and Britain's government home page, after an outage at the cloud computing service Fastly, illustrating how vital a small number of behind-the-scenes companies have become to running the internet.

The sites that could not be reached also included some Amazon pages, the Financial Times, Reddit, Twitch and The Guardian.

San Francisco-based Fastly acknowledged a problem just before 6 a.m. Eastern. About an hour later, the company said the issue had been identified and a fix was applied. Most of the sites appeared to be back online soon afterward.

Fastly said in an emailed statement that it was a "technical issue" and "not related to a cyber attack."

Still, major futures markets in the U.S. dipped sharply minutes after the outage, which came a month after hackers forced the shutdown of the biggest fuel pipeline in the U.S.



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Quick Fix Contribution limits

What to do if you exceed the rules

Many Americans don't save enough for retirement, but it's also possible to save too much — at least according to the IRS.

Here's what you need to know to stay on the right side of tax rules.

- 1 Overstuffing your retirement accounts**
Contributions to an IRA or Roth IRA require you or your spouse to have "earned income" such as wages, salary, bonuses, commissions, tips or self-employment income. Pension payments, Social Security benefits, rental income and interest and dividends don't count.
- 2 How to limit the damage**
Usually it's up to you to discover and fix an excess contribution. If you catch



the problem soon enough — before you file your tax return for that year — you can limit the damage by withdrawing the excess contribution. The withdrawal will be taxed as income. If the money came from an IRA, you may owe a 10% early withdrawal penalty on earnings if you're under 59 ½, Westley says.

- 3 The heavy penalty for not withdrawing enough**
You're not required to take distributions from a Roth IRA during your lifetime. Other retirement accounts, however, usually require you to start withdrawing minimum amounts after you turn 72. Miss a deadline or take too little, and the IRS penalty is 50% of the amount you should have withdrawn but didn't.
- If you're still working at age 72 and your plan allows it, you can put off required minimum distributions from your current employer's 401(k), 403(b) or other defined contribution plan until you retire (unless you own 5% or more of the business). Even if you're working, however, you must start minimum withdrawals from previous employers' plans as well as from IRAs and self-employed retirement plans, including SEPs and SIMPLEs.
- It's worth consulting a tax pro to make sure you don't end up paying the IRS a lot more than necessary.

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Small Business Monitor

By Joyce M. Rosenberg

Finding workers

The economy's recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak has many small business owners struggling to hire and finding the recruiting process even harder than it was before the pandemic. Companies of all sizes need staffers, but smaller concerns, unable to match the pay and benefits big corporations can offer, are especially hard-pressed.

Owners need to get creative. They should start by thinking about what they can offer that will match or surpass larger employers' compensation packages. While remote or hybrid working is going to be high on the list for office workers, owners might want to also consider flex time, at least one Friday afternoon off each month, more vacation and other paid time off. People who have been used to being at home have grown to like an easier lifestyle. A prospective



boss who understands that can look more appealing to a job candidate than a big company that may be more regimented.

While popular job search sites can help bring applicants in, owners should ask around at networking groups, houses of worship, social organizations and social media. If they know anyone who's unemployed — and perhaps preferring to take higher pandemic-related unemployment benefits rather than work right now — asking them what it would take for them to go back to work might be the start of a fruitful conversation.

Owners should also check with their local schools including community colleges. Placement offices and job training programs can be great resources for small businesses seeking staffers.

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Wireless & Cashless

By Barbara Ortutay

Amazon helps itself to your home bandwidth



Amazon believes that sharing is caring — at least where your home network is concerned.

The company is launching Amazon Sidewalk, a program that automatically shares a small portion of users' home bandwidth with their neighbors for devices such as the Echo smart speakers, Ring security cameras and motion sensors.

Amazon says the feature has been designed to protect users' privacy and comes with "multiple layers of encryption." The total monthly data used by Sidewalk, per account, is

capped at 500MB, the company adds, "which is equivalent to streaming about 10 minutes of high definition video."

On June 8, Amazon started automatically enrolling devices in Sidewalk.

Still, users can opt out if they wish. Echo users can go to their Alexa app and tap "more" on the lower right hand corner. Under "settings," then "account settings," there is a section for Amazon Sidewalk and a button to disable it. In the Ring camera app, go to "control center" and then tap "Sidewalk."

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Schenectady, N.Y.

there's something for everyone

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BY CORI URBAN
Special to the Republican

SCHENECTADY, N.Y.—Schenectady County, New York, offers many great outdoor opportunities for visitors and locals alike.

Whether biking or running along the newly completed Empire State Trail — which connects New York City to Buffalo through Schenectady County along the Erie Canalway Trail — kayaking in the Mohawk River, ziplining at the Mountain Ridge Adventure Park, strolling through the Stockade historic neighborhood, adventuring through Schenectady’s Central Park or sampling delicious craft beverages on Schenectady County’s Ale Trail, there is something for everyone.

That’s the assessment of Todd T. Garofano, executive director of Discover Schenectady who has lived in the Capital Region for more than 40 years.

“The quality of life here is outstanding,” he said. “We have four distinct seasons with plenty of outdoor and indoor attractions for each. And that we’re only three hours from New York City, three hours from Boston and three hours from Montreal makes it ideal and easy to visit.”

Schenectady County is in east central New York — northwest of Albany — in an area commonly called

“Upstate.”

Popular places to see and things to do in the area include Rivers Casino & Resort, Proctors Theater, Mohawk Harbor, Union College, Lower State Street, The Stockade and Mabee Farm. But don’t overlook the unique shops and restaurants at the Jay Street Marketplace, MiSci (Museum of Innovation & Science), Empire State Aerosciences Museum, ViaPort Aquarium and Upper Union Street.

Schenectady — with a year-round population of about 150,000 — is the “home of innovation” with General Electric being founded there in 1892, Garofano noted. “GE still has a significant presence here with its Global Research Center and Power Generation units.”

In recent years Schenectady has undergone a renaissance with a surge of new restaurants, brew pubs and nightlife to compliment Rivers Casino & Resort, the newly developed Mohawk Harbor and revitalized downtown. Nearby golf courses, beautiful parks with multiple tennis courts and disc golf course, walking/running and biking trails, kayak and paddle board rentals on the Erie Canal “provide great outdoor recreating opportunities,” he said, adding that Proctors Theater brings in the top Broadway shows,

often as the springboard as they begin to tour the country each year.

On Sunday, visit the outdoor Schenectady Green Market.

“The area that is now Schenectady County was originally the land of the Mohawk tribe of the Iroquois Nation. Much of that heritage remains,” he said. The name “Schenectady” is from a Mohawk language word meaning “on the other side of the pine lands.”

European settlement began by Dutch colonists in the 17th century; the village of Schenectady was founded in 1661.

“Schenectady has been going through an amazing revitalization in the last few years,” Garofano said. “With the development of Mohawk Harbor and Rivers Casino along the Mohawk River/Erie Canal, to the redevelopment of downtown Schenectady along lower State Street and the many new restaurants, bar and breweries, there is so much that is new for people to explore.”

Usual summertime events like Harbor Jam, Freedom Park Concert Series and Music Haven Concert Series are being evaluated because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

There will be updates and more information on the calendar at discoverschenectady.com



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Montauk

ending the party era

The lawn at Ruschmeyer’s, a popular party spot in Montauk, N.Y., May 21, 2021. While other resort towns are gearing up for a post-pandemic summer of hedonism, Montauk is invoking the proverbial “abundance of caution” and tamping down on the fun. (PHOTO COURTESY OF PAT O’MALLEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES)

By ALYSON KRUEGER
The New York Times

Before 2020, it was impossible to miss a wooden beach bar in Montauk, in New York, called the Sloppy Tuna. Shoes and shirts were optional. Bikini-clad ladies and shirtless men would guzzle piña coladas on the deck. It was involved in numerous drug arrests and noise complaints. Now that era has come to an end.

The space reopened this past weekend as Bounce Beach Montauk, part of an

upscale sports club chain in Manhattan and Chicago. The old grungy surfboards are gone, replaced by shiny pastel ones. Wings and mozzarella cheese sticks are out; coriander crusted yellowfin tuna and prime New York strip steak are in.

And, at least for now, dinner reservations are a must, and dancing is restricted to one’s table.

“We are really trying to step away from that scene and transition to a new demographic that has grown up,”

said Yosi Benvenisti, one of the owners.

While other resort towns are gearing up for a post-pandemic summer of hedonism, Montauk is invoking the proverbial “abundance of caution” and tamping down on the fun. By adhering to strict social distancing measures, even as bars and clubs reopen in New York state, town leaders and business owners hope to repel wild crowds and keep the shenanigans away.

The idea is not just to keep patrons safe but to turn this

village at the east end of Long Island into a serene spot once again.

“The key words this summer are ‘low-key,’” said Jayma Cardoso, one of the owners of the Surf Lodge, a clubby hangout on Fort Pond that drew hordes of partygoers in designer dresses and fedoras, and was a high-profile target for residents who complained about noise and rowdy behavior.

This summer Surf Lodge will be reservation-only, and require guests to remain seat-

ed and not table-hop. There will be live music, but instead of John Legend, the performers will be little-known acoustic performers — at least for the first part of the summer.

Everything is being approached with caution.

“Are we never going to let somebody sit at the bar and have a burger and cocktail?” Cardoso said. “Eventually we will. We just don’t know when, and we don’t feel comfortable doing it now.”

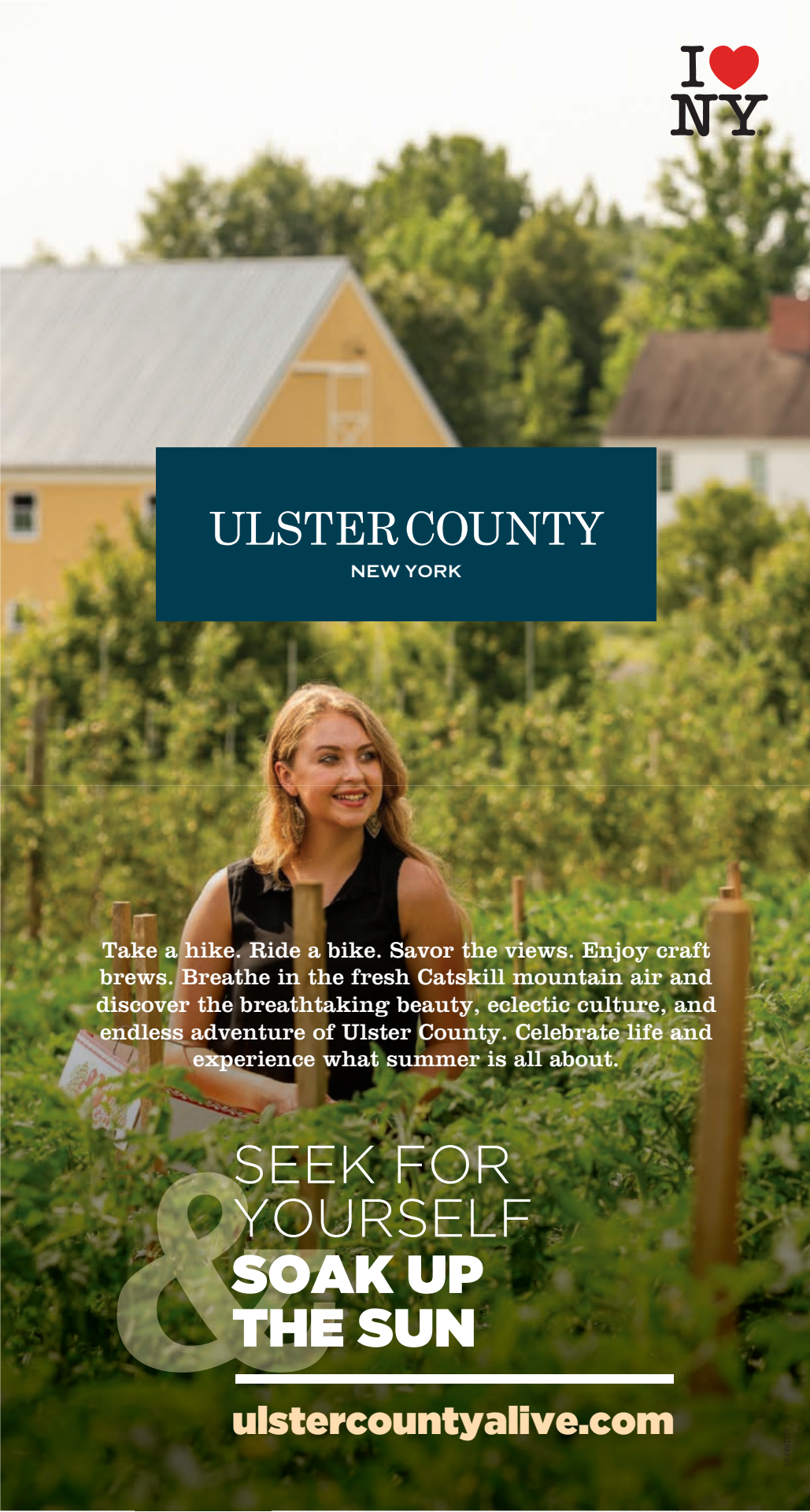
The party scene in Montauk has been well documented,


and some business owners are hoping that the pandemic offers a prime opportunity to pause the antics.

“Nobody wanted to use the experience we all went through last year to transition, but that is exactly what is happening,” said George Filopoulos, the owner of Gurney’s Resorts, which has two locations in Montauk.

Before the pandemic, the Gurney’s on Old Montauk Highway attracted a wild crowd on Saturday after

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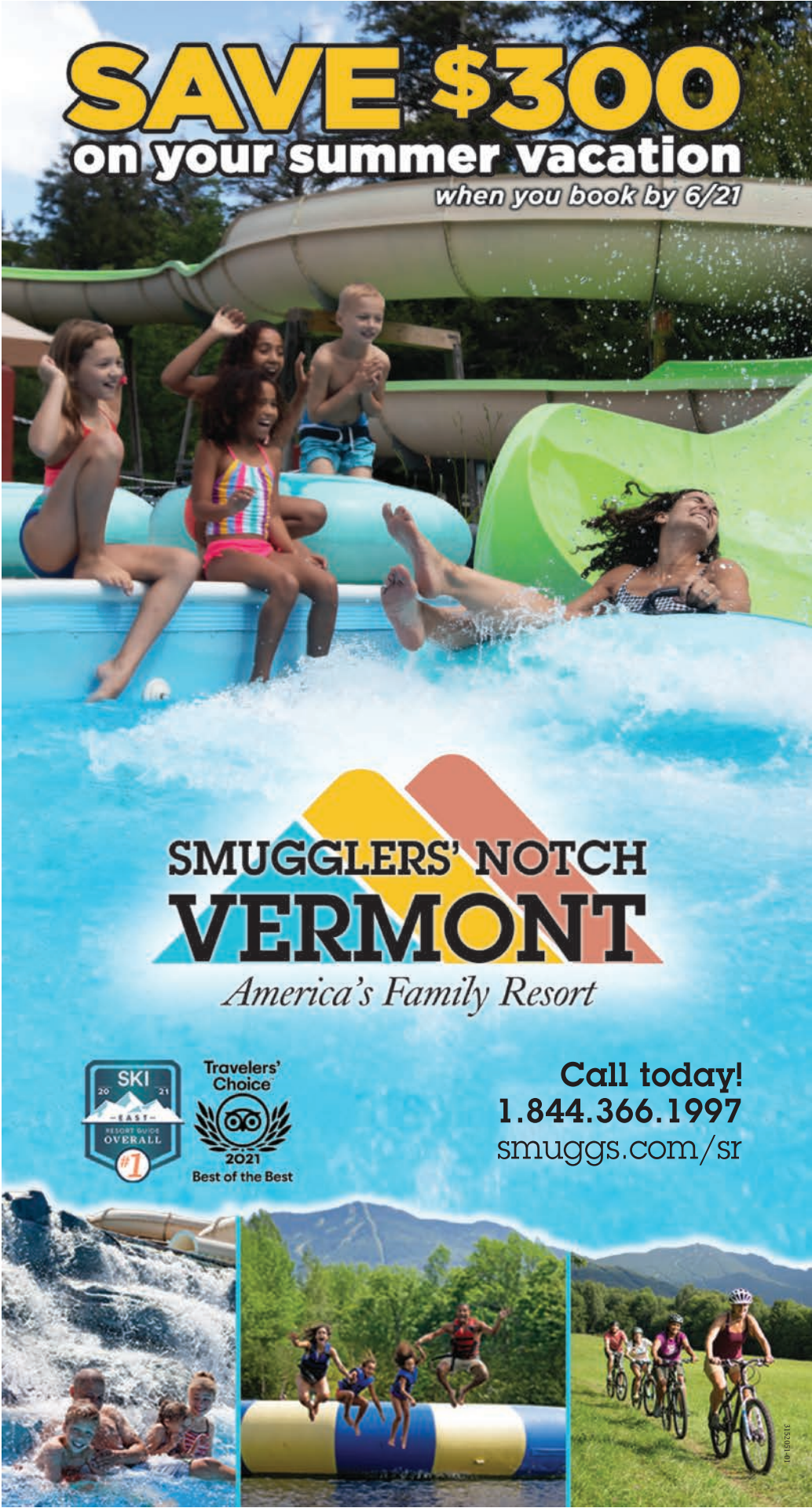
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Montauk

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noons. Large groups guzzled magnums of rosé on canopied daybeds, and lines for the bathroom could take half an hour, a nuisance to hotel guests, who sometimes paid four figures a night for a room. The oceanfront hotel tried to restrict access, but crashers sneaked in off the beach. “When my general manager, someone who is super important to the organization, has to spend his Saturdays in the parking lot politely telling people they can’t come to the beach, that isn’t a fun thing,” Filopoulos said. With the party masses gone, nonhotel guests have gotten the message to stay away. Only those with a room key, restaurant reservation or membership card can use the facilities. “Montauk in general is going to be a little more subdued, and we are excited about that,” he said. “I raise a family in Montauk in the summer, and I’m looking forward to focusing on what Montauk



Top: Bounce Beach Montauk, formerly the Sloppy Tuna, in Montauk, N.Y. Above: Jeremy Morton, the new owner of Ruschmeyer's, a popular party spot in Montauk, N.Y. (PHOTO COURTESY OF PAT O'MALLEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES)

as La Fin Kitchen & Lounge, a French-inspired farm-to-table restaurant with St. Tropez vibes. “This is the perfect time to put something new out there,” said Michelle Walrath, one of the restaurant’s owners. “There will be bottle service, but it will be served with our line of cold-pressed juices and healthy mixers.” This might also be a smart move businesswise, as the summer crowd is likely to skew fancier and mellower this summer. There is a shortage of rental properties in Montauk, which means that young beachgoers looking to come for a weekend are getting priced out by older, richer tenants. Jordan Flerx, sales director at StayMarquis, a vacation rental company, said the supply of Montauk rentals has decreased 32% from 2019, mostly because of homeowners who are opting not to travel and are still using their homes as offices. “There are only 680 properties available to rent in Montauk this summer,” compared with 772 last summer, Flerx said. “That’s compiled from Airbnb, VRBO, everything. It’s really a crazy number.” And lower supply means higher prices. “From 2019 to now we have seen a 10% increase in price in the average rent,” Flerx said, adding that the average rate for a house or a hotel in Montauk is \$1,008 a night. Michael, 40, who lives in Manhattan and works in finance (his company did not give him permission to use his full name), usually rents a house in Montauk for at least a month. This year he couldn’t find a place. “Take my office, for example,” he said. “It used to be that people in their 20s and 30s go to Montauk. Now it’s the managing directors who are working remotely and

love that they can see a sunset from their balcony.” “The people renting the houses don’t even want to talk to the young professionals, because they know they can do better,” he added. Not all Montauk hot spots are ready to give up on the party scene. Ruschmeyers, a former summer camp on Fort Pond that felt like an outdoor fraternity party in recent years, was purchased this spring by Jeremy Morton, a real estate developer. “I think Ruschmeyers had this reputation of being defiant of the town, and it was a little reckless and loose,” Morton said. “We are going to tighten up the programming and have it be a little more responsible and a little more thoughtful.” For the first half of the summer, entertainment will consist of comedy shows, and the indoor club will be sit-down only. But Morton hopes COVID restrictions will ease by July and that the frolicking masses will return. “We still want to make sure we have as much fun as humanly possible,” he said.

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So, you want to mingle outdoors this summer?

Health experts offer advice, encouragement

By ROBIN LLOYD
New York Times

During spring break, Monica Gandhi tested her confidence in coronavirus science. She and her two unvaccinated

children stood in a packed crowd near a well-known bridge in Austin, Texas, to enjoy watching the emergence at dusk of thousands of Brazilian free-tailed bats. She and her kids were the only ones in the group wearing masks; the state had lifted its mask mandate in early March. But Gandhi, an infectious-diseases physician and

professor of medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, had read studies showing it is rare for people to transmit the coronavirus outdoors. And she knew that the regional infection rate was low. So, she decided to take off her mask, as well as those on her 11- and 13-year-old children.

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Tanglewood in Lenox, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, has scheduled summer concerts for 2021. After more than a year indoors, people are looking for safe ways to have fun. (DON TREEGER / THE REPUBLICAN FILE PHOTO)



The Wright brothers built this 1908 airplane for the U.S. Army. It was the first plane in America to fly a passenger and the world's first military aircraft. (FIRST FLIGHT FOUNDATION / TNS)

NORFOLK, VA.

Va. couple building replica of 1908 Wright brothers' aircraft

By JEFF HAMPTON
The Virginian-Pilot

The Wright brothers soared over Outer Banks dunes for about a minute in 1903 and within five years built the world's first military airplane that could travel 125 miles. The 1908 aircraft would be the first in America to carry a passenger and could cruise 40 mph, about as fast as a good racehorse. The Wrights' success began a frenzy of flying experiments in Europe and America, quickly improving the "heavier-than-air flying machine."

would build those later. The pilot and passenger would need to sit upright. Until then, the Wrights had flown by lying prone on the aircraft, believing it was better for aerodynamics. As it turned out, sitting upright did not bother flight. The Wrights returned to the Outer Banks in May 1908 to test the remodeled 1905 machine. They made 22 flights over eight days. Then, Orville flew with their mechanic, Charles Furnas, seated next to him on May 14, 1908. Furnas was the first powered-airplane

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"The advancement between 1903 and 1914 when the war began is enormous," said Tom Crouch, retired senior curator of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and author of three books about the Wrights. The First Flight Foundation is funding a reproduction of the 1908 aircraft, to be built by vintage airplane builders Rick and Sue Young of Chester, Virginia. The couple has constructed several Wright models over 40 years, Rick Young said in an email. Their work has helped them uncover some of the brothers' methods, he said. "While we know much about what the Wrights accomplished, how they accomplished it remains largely unknown," Young said. The replica will be donated to the North Carolina Museum of History after it is completed next year, he said. After their historic flights on Dec. 17, 1903, the Wrights kept improving their aircraft in a pasture near their Dayton, Ohio, home until 1905, when they flew the world's first "practical" aircraft, Crouch said. The plane could take off, maneuver and fly until the fuel ran out, he said. The U.S. Army contracted with the Wrights to build one "heavier-than-air flying machine" for \$25,000 that could carry a passenger, fly at least 40 mph and travel 125 miles, according to a copy of the original contract provided by Young. The U.S. Army wanted it for surveillance rather than aerial dogfights. The Europeans

passenger in America. The Wrights also sold a plane to French investors. Wilbur Wright flew in Europe to demonstrate the latest model for the first time publicly. The flights were a great success before thousands of spectators, including royalty, Crouch said. Later in 1908, Orville was flying a plane with a passenger at then-Army base Fort Myer in Virginia when a propeller snapped and it crashed. Army Lt. Thomas Selfridge died, becoming the first powered-flight fatality. The Army realized it was a part failure, not a design flaw, and purchased a Wright plane anyway, Crouch said. Later, Wilbur Wright taught three Army officers to fly, making them the first American military pilots in history and among the first in the world, Crouch said. As war approached, European countries invested heavily in powered flight and were far ahead of the Americans by 1914, he said. When the United States entered war, American pilots flew mostly European aircraft. The new 1908 replica is being donated in honor of the late Willard "Will" Gathings Plentl, Jr., a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, the first director of North Carolina Aviation and former president of the First Flight Foundation. The 1908 model will join the museum's reproductions of the Wrights' 1903 airplane and the 1902 and 1911 gliders, the release said. The Youngs also built the 1911 glider displayed in the museum lobby.

HUNT FOR CLARITY ABOUT VINCENT VAN GOGH'S LAST DAYS LEADS TO SACO, MAINE



John and Katherine Mathews with a watercolor that may be the work of Edmund Walpole Brooke — bought by Katherine for \$45 at a shop in Saco, Maine, in April — at their home in Scarborough, Maine, June 2. Brooke occupies a tiny but durable place in art history as having shared something close to friendship with Vincent van Gogh in the weeks before the celebrated Dutch painter's suicide. (CODY O'LOUGHLIN / THE NEW YORK TIMES)

Painter's place in art history

By PETER LIBBEY
New York Times

The 19th-century painter Edmund Walpole Brooke occupies a tiny, but durable place in art history. Not because of his own work, but because he offers a tantalizing look into the tragic last days of Vincent van Gogh.

That the two shared something close to friendship during the weeks before van Gogh committed suicide in July 1890 was a noteworthy feat given van Gogh's embrace of isolation during his stay in Auvers-sur-Oise, a village on the northwestern outskirts of Paris. But Brooke had grown up in Japan, a place that fascinated and inspired the Dutch painter. And so off they would go into the plein-air on painting excursions, their relation-

ship chronicled in a few letters that have made Brooke an intriguing figure to a van Gogh scholar who is still struggling to understand what led him to put a bullet in his chest. "He is a very enigmatic person," Tsukasa Kodera, a curator and professor of art history at Osaka University in Japan, said of Brooke, who has become a focus of his research. "He might have received letters from van Gogh, he might have

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The signature, E.W. Brooke, on a watercolor that may be the work of Edmund Walpole Brooke, at the home of Katherine and John Mathews in Scarborough, Maine, earlier this month. The painting was purchased in April. Brooke was a friend of Vincent van Gogh. (CODY O'LOUGHLIN / THE NEW YORK TIMES)

Add 'climate hazards' to homebuyer's checklist



Stewart Thomason places sandbags and a tarp to prevent the flooding from rain at his home on the Isle of Palms, S.C., ahead of a Hurricane Florence in this Sept. 12, 2018, file photo. (GRACE BEAHM ALFORD / ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

By DEBRA KAMIN
New York Times

As global temperatures increase and sea levels rise, home shoppers are looking at more than just location, price and the number of bedrooms when exploring properties. They are also wondering about the risk of natural disaster, and what that risk might mean for a home's value over time. It's a question that's long been considered by commercial real estate investors, who have tapped into the growing field of climate analytics via companies like Four Twenty Seven and Jupiter Intelligence to get projections on

weather-related hazards. But individual homebuyers have traditionally not had access to the same data. That's now starting to shift, and most resources are available at no cost. In August of last year, realtor.com became the first major real estate website to disclose data, adding both publicly and privately assembled flood risk information to its more than 110 million listings. Redfin added the same services to 94 million of its listings in February. The public data, which is sourced from flood maps produced by the Federal

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GAME OVER

BY ADAM WAGNER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

Adam Wagner, of Oakland, Calif., is a senior copywriter for an ad agency in San Francisco. He says his real No. 1 job, though, as of about two months ago, is being a first-time dad. Adam solves the Times crossword aloud every night with his son cuddled next to him — “so I imagine he’s one of the few people alive who can claim that he literally has a lifelong New York Times crossword solving streak.” — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Gilda of the original “S.N.L.” cast

7 They may need to be cut off

11 Ways of making ends meet?

16 Degree in design, for short

19 Cow’s-milk cheese that’s often grated

20 Sweet-16 org.

21 Honor named for a Greek goddess

23 Site of a lighthouse that was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World

24 “___ pass”

25 Where snow leopards and blue sheep roam

26 King of a nursery rhyme

27 Went to bat (for)

30 Test versions

31 Good fashion sense, in modern slang

32 Appear

33 Features of some indoor arenas

35 Theater-curtain material

37 Fired off, say

38 Grind

40 Money of the Philippines

42 Follow

43 One giving a khutbah sermon

46 Smaller alternative to a Quarter Pounder

48 Chicago team, in old “S.N.L.” sketches

50 Ski-lodge mugful

54 Fraternity letter

55 King of ancient Israel

56 Comic actress Gasteyer

57 Left, cutely

60 Great Lakes nation

64 Pickup line?

65 Like the columns of the Lincoln Memorial

66 Cures

68 “___ we good?”

69 King of ancient Egypt

71 Tattoo artist, so to speak

73 Org. with a complex code

74 “Happy Days” network

75 Beach Boys song set to the tune of Chuck Berry’s “Sweet Little Sixteen”

78 King of myth

80 4G letters

81 ___ pace

82 Not doing so hot

86 F-, e.g.

87 Discourage

89 Waze way: Abbr.

90 Piece of plastic with a gladiator pictured on it

92 Physics demonstration often done from the roof of a school

95 ___-Briggs Type Indicator (popular personality test)

97 “I will prevent disease whenever I can, for prevention is preferable to cure,” e.g.

98 King of Shakespeare

99 “Keep Austin ___” (city slogan)

101 Annual presidential address, for short

103 Partner

107 “No worries”

109 “Bon appétit!”

111 Christ, to Bach

113 Place

114 Chimney channels

116 Warning on presents stashed in the closet

118 King of Skull Island

119 “Huddle up!”

121 Actress Elisabeth

122 When: Sp.

124 Early adolescent years, so to speak

125 Engage

126 Opposite of wind up

127 Infinitesimal

128 Toys with much assembly required

129 Travel-brochure listings

130 Named

8 Tabloid nickname for mother Nadya Suleman

9 Powder in the powder room

10 Course with greens

11 Machiavellian sort

12 Omits

13 Objective

14 Gateway city to Utah’s Arches National Park

15 Some after-Christmas announcements

16 Home to about one in five Californians

17 Long-running sitcom set in Seattle

18 Them’s the breaks!

22 Spent some time on YouTube, say

28 Nobel Peace Prize recipient who wrote “No Future Without Forgiveness”

29 Sought-after position

34 Pop

36 G.P.s, e.g.

39 City about 25 miles S.E. of Chicago, IL.

41 ___-faire (social adeptness)

44 Level the playing field?

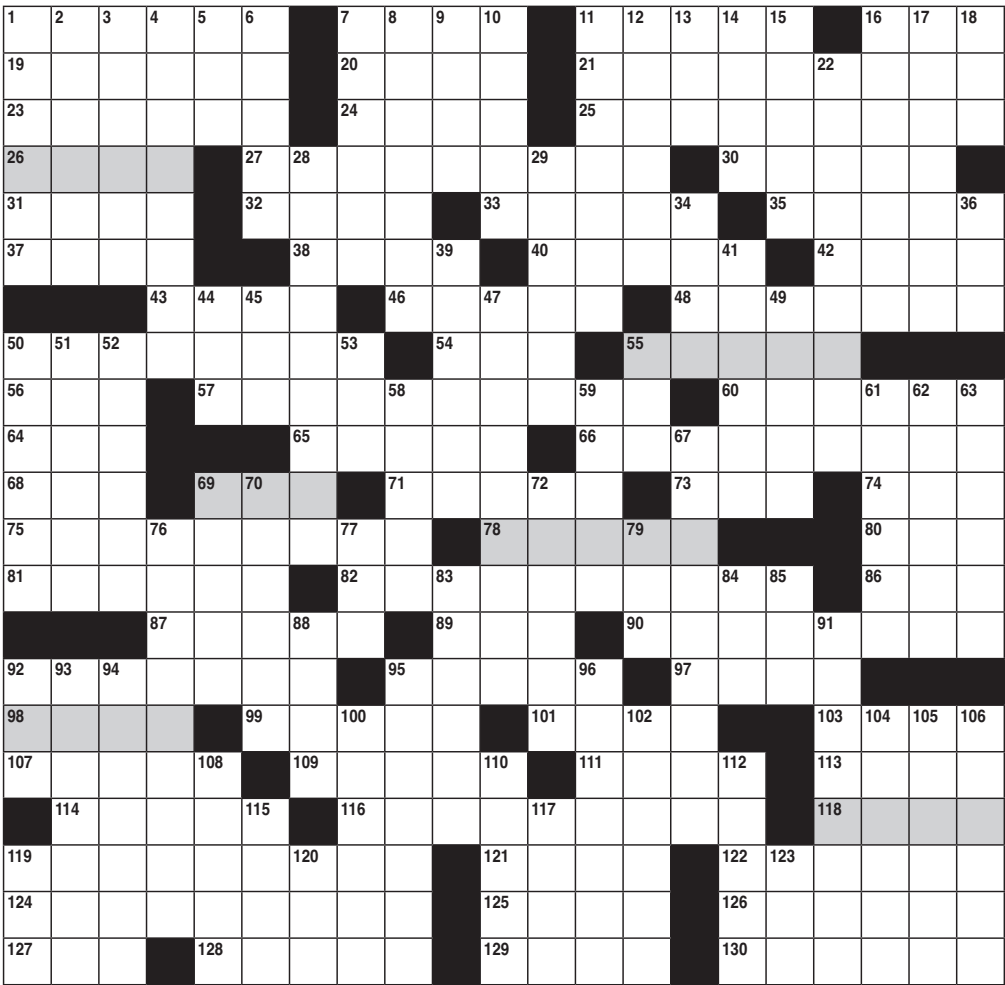
45 Put one past

47 One ending for a classic board game — another of which (when a player resigns) is represented visually six times in this puzzle

49 Tough spots

50 Bother incessantly

51 Scoring win after win



52 Mowry who starred alongside her twin Tia in the ‘90s sitcom “Sister, Sister”

53 ___ Z

55 Cubs’ place to play home games

58 Wilson who wrote the lyrics to 75-Across

59 Play areas

61 The “Bel Paese,” to locals

62 Borrower

63 Scale

67 Quintessentially cowardly

69 Mosaic maker

70 Remove from under the seat in front of you, say

72 Ducks known for their soft down feathers

76 Tinker (with)

77 Yes or no follower

79 “I’ve got it!”

83 Rob ___, British comedian and TV personality

84 Samosa tidbit

85 Part of an office phone no.

88 Tool for a duel

91 Sidewalk drawings

92 One of the Manning brothers

93 Disentangle oneself

94 Main source of energy?

95 Breakout 1993 single for Counting Crows

96 Stay awhile

100 Only color of the rainbow not seen on the L.G.B.T. pride flag

102 Portable dwellings

104 Richie with the No. 1 hit “All Night Long”

105 Borrower

106 Potato cultivar that was developed in Ontario, despite its name

108 Pelvic exercise

110 Nintendo dino

112 Like diamonds from a mine

115 Father

117 Weak, as a case

119 “Oh, and another thing ...,” for short

120 Graffiti signature

123 College, to a Brit

ALMANAC

Today is Sunday, June 13, the 164th day of 2021 and the 86th day of spring.

TODAY’S HISTORY: In 1966, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Miranda v. Arizona* that police must inform suspects of their rights before questioning them.

In 1967, Thurgood Marshall became the first African American to be nominated as a Supreme Court justice.

In 1971, The New York Times began publishing excerpts from the Pentagon Papers.

In 1996, the Montana Freeman surrendered after an 81-day standoff with federal agents outside Jordan, Montana.

TODAY’S BIRTHDAYS: William Butler Yeats (1865-1939), poet/dramatist; Harold “Red” Grange (1903-1991), football player; John Forbes Nash Jr. (1928-2015), mathematician; Christo (1935-), artist; Malcolm McDowell (1943-), actor; Ban Ki-moon (1944-), U.N. secretary-general; Stellan Skarsgard (1951-), actor; Tim Allen (1953-), actor; Steve-O (1974-), stunt performer; Chris Evans (1981-), actor; Kat Dennings (1986-), actress; Ashley and Mary-Kate Olsen (1986-), actresses; Aaron Taylor-Johnson (1990-), actor.

TODAY’S FACT: Eight spellers were crowned as co-champions of the Scripps National Spelling Bee in 2019, the first time a group shared the title in the event’s 92-year history.

TODAY’S SPORTS: In 1948, Babe Ruth appeared at Yankee Stadium for the last time, on the occasion of the New York Yankees’ Silver Anniversary Day, during which his No. 3 jersey was ceremonially retired.

TODAY’S QUOTE: “I have spread my dreams under your feet. / Tread softly because you tread on my dreams.” – William Butler Yeats

TODAY’S NUMBER: 1,722—depth (in feet) of the now-inactive Mirny mine in Eastern Siberia, Russia, the fourth-deepest mine in the world. Diamond-bearing deposits were first discovered at the site on this day in 1955.



SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS

Learning is fun at the Science Museum

The Springfield Science Museum is filled with treasures, from gems to meteorites to live animals! Each season a new, traveling exhibit enlivens the second floor with an interactive, play-oriented exploration of science. This summer Wild Kratts: Creature Power examines many ecosystems throughout the world and how wild animals adapt and thrive in their homes. Geared for children ages 3 to 9, the exhibit invites families to discover incredible creature powers and go on a mission to keep the animals safe. All the while, visitors will build science, technology, engineering, and math skills while playing. Maybe playspace is a child’s best ecosystem!

(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

DEAR ABBY

Affair with trucker might not be for the long haul

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a married man for 2½ years. I know it’s wrong, but there’s just something there between us. We live five hours apart, but he’s a trucker, so I see him often. He makes me all these promises — that if I uproot my life and move to his city he would be able to be with me more, his wife is sick and he can’t leave her that way, and he has never loved someone the way he loves me. We also have a 30-year age difference.

I love him but I see so many red flags. Does he really love me, or am I just the icing on his cake? Please give me some advice because I’m truly lost. I don’t know if I’m

wasting my life on a man who really can’t promise me anything. – ON THE SIDE IN INDIANA

DEAR ON THE SIDE: Pay attention to those red flags you are seeing. Your last sentence says it all. You may love this man, but you have already devoted 2½ years to a relationship that’s going nowhere. I’m willing to bet that he not only HAS loved women “the way he loves you,” but when you start taking care of yourself and end this charade, he will continue to love MORE women the way he loves you. Try this: Imagine for a moment that you were his wife — would you want a husband who sleeps around while he’s on the road or while

you are unwell? But for the grace of God, this could be YOU!

DEAR ABBY: My adult daughter and I had a big argument while she was visiting me. Sadly, we both used words that were hurtful. Afterward, I wrote her a note telling her I loved her and would like to hear from her. She replied in an email that she received my letter, but she is still hurt by the things I said.

I wanted to be the adult in this situation, but I was also hurt by her words and actions, and feel angry that I have to be the one to apologize. I told her I hope that we can put this behind us. Must I apologize even though I told her I am sorry that she is still hurt? –

WOUNDED IN OHIO

DEAR WOUNDED: I see nothing positive to be gained by allowing this to fester any longer. You ARE the parent in this situation, so if you’d like a resolution, apologize again.

DEAR ABBY: I’m a florist. Would you please appeal to your readers who are composing obituaries for loved ones to think first before adding “in lieu of flowers ...”? People can then donate to the designated or favorite organizations OR purchase flowers. The choice would be theirs. This would be a blessing for flower growers, truckers, wholesalers and folks like me. Many of our businesses are small, multigeneration establishments. A possible suggestion

for wording is, “Flowers are welcomed, and those wishing to make a donation in his/her name may do so to ____.” Thanks, Abby. – GRATEFUL MOM/POP FLOWER SHOP OWNER

DEAR GRATEFUL: While families in the throes of grieving may forget to include it in their loved ones’ obituaries, as our economy slowly recovers, your suggestion is certainly worth noting. Thank you for sending it.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

HOROSCOPE

If today is your birthday: Consider your options, and embrace a reserved course of action. It’s best to give yourself some wiggle room this year for unexpected setbacks. You will achieve the most if you follow your heart, do your best and avoid being indebted to others. Do your own research instead of trusting someone else’s opinion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Have a plan in mind before you initiate change. Opportunities are apparent, but if they don’t suit your needs or bring you the happiness you deserve, you may as well take a pass. Follow your heart.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — See what others have to offer before you make promises. You have to be careful when it comes to joint ventures. Someone will take advantage of you if you are too accommodating.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Don’t make decisions under emotional duress. A change of pace may not be welcome, but it will help you evaluate how you want to move forward. Comparisons will play a role in the decisions you make.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A change will be in your best interest. Be open to new adventures and you will discover something that brings you joy. Embrace what life has to offer, and make positive adjustments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — What you know and what you do will cause conflicts. Be careful who you share your opinion with and how you handle friends and relatives. It’s best to keep the peace. Common sense will be a must.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Too

many choices will cause confusion. Focus on the people who contribute the most to your emotional well-being. A positive lifestyle change will give you purpose and contentment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Expand your interests; you’ll discover something you enjoy doing that can lead to extra cash. Don’t limit what you can do because someone discourages you. Question the motives of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A change will lift your spirits. Don’t be afraid to try something new or to walk away from situations that bring you down. Take control and you will find happiness. Love is on the rise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Think matters through. Don’t follow what someone does; do your own thing. Being adventuresome will help you discover new interests and people who are like-minded. Mix old ideas with new plans.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Be specific. Someone will misinterpret information you offer, putting you in a weak position if you aren’t careful. Leave nothing to chance, and be willing to give your all.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Chit-chat all you want, but don’t believe everything you hear. Stick to your plans, and incorporate only what will help you reach your goal. Knowledge is power — let it inspire and drive you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Open up to someone who can lend a helping hand. Don’t fear change or be reluctant to try something new. Channel your energy into making your space convenient, comfortable and inviting.

Painting

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received drawings or paintings as a gift — they might have exchanged works.”

Kodera has spent the better part of a decade, with limited success, hunting for information about Brooke. He has visited his gravesite in Japan and found records to establish that Brooke’s work was included in exhibitions during his lifetime at the Royal Academy of Arts in London and at the 1891 Paris Salon, and was the subject of at least two solo shows in Japan.

But finding a painting by Brooke has stymied Kodera, at least until now, perhaps. In April, Katherine Mathews, a thrift store enthusiast, happened upon a watercolor with the signature E.W. Brooke while rummaging through Warehouse 839, a shop in Saco, Maine, that specializes in everything from estate furniture to odds and ends.

She paid \$45 for the image, which depicts a Japanese woman and a child. On her way home, curious to know just what she had bought, she stopped in a grocery store parking lot to look up this Brooke person on her iPad. She soon saw the van Gogh connection and later, with the help of her husband, John, made contact with Kodera.

The professor thinks they have probably discovered a rare thing, an original Brooke.

“Are there any other painters who painted this subject matter, with the name E.W. Brooke, and with a Japanese lady and a baby?” Kodera said in a telephone conversation. “We cannot imagine any other painters.”

Kevin Keraghan, who owns the Maine shop, said he acquired the painting about 15 years ago from the estate sale of a family in New Hampshire. That family had originally come from California, which Kodera thought a good sign since two of Brooke’s brothers lived there.

The painting in question is small, 13 by 19 inches, and the woman is toting the child on her back. They are depicted in front of a rural home surrounded by lush foliage.

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For more than a decade, the watercolor hung in Keraghan’s home until he decided to put it up for sale. “My tastes changed,” Keraghan said.

Mathews said she was immediately drawn to the painting. It was the last item she selected that day. “The little face of the little girl peeking over the mother’s shoulder jumped right out at me,” she said.

Among the few glimpses available of van Gogh’s last days are the moments captured in letters he swapped with his brother Theo, his



Kevin Keraghan at his shop, Warehouse 839, where a watercolor that may be the work of Edmund Walpole Brooke was bought for \$45, in Saco, Maine, June 2. Brooke shared something close to friendship with Vincent van Gogh in the weeks before the celebrated Dutch painter’s suicide.
(CODY O’LOUGHLIN / THE NEW YORK TIMES)

mother, Anna, his sister Willemien, and a couple of others. Brooke is one of the few people mentioned in their correspondence from a time when van Gogh, working at a typically feverish pace, created “Wheatfield With Crows,” “The Church at Auvers” and other paintings.

In the letters, van Gogh’s perspective on Brooke, who was then 24, appears to be that he is fine as a companion but is a middling artist, so far.

“He’ll probably show you some of his studies, which are

rather lifeless, but however he does observe nature,” he wrote to Theo on July 2. “He has been here in Auvers for months, and we went out together sometimes, he was brought up in Japan, you would never think so from his painting — but that may come.”

Brooke, born in Australia, was only a child when he moved to Japan, where his father, John Henry, worked as a reporter for and then director of the Japan Daily Herald, an English-language newspaper based in Yokohama. The father ultimately “came to occupy an important position in Yokohama’s expatriate society,” Kodera said in the catalog for an exhibition, “Van Gogh & Japan.”

But piecing together the rest of Brooke’s biography proved to be a major challenge. After two years of research, Kodera managed to find the artist’s grave at the Kobe Municipal Foreign Cemetery, surprisingly only 30 minutes away from the professor’s own home in Takarazuka.

First Street, also works with more than 1,000 cities on sustainability projects, and many, like Cambridge, Massachusetts, and St. Paul, Minnesota, have developed long-term response plans to climate change that include high-resolution maps depicting risks of fire, sea-level rise and heat.

Maps are a useful tool for buyers, said Dr. Cody Nehiba, a research professor at the Center for Energy Studies at Louisiana State University, because communitywide action on climate change can protect individual home values.

“Flood maps can help buyers determine the likelihood of their property being damaged in a flooding event and see what infrastructure the community has in place,” he said. “It is important to note that ill-prepared areas that continue to invest heavily in high-risk locations will likely face larger damages from climate change.”

“He had moved to Kobe having nothing at the age of 58,” Kodera said. “That is a very sad story.”

Similarly difficult has been finding any trace of Brooke’s work. A few years ago, the professor found a record indicating that the Redfern Gallery in Laguna Beach, California, had sold a painting by an artist named E.W. Brooke, but the gallery owner said he could not recall who had purchased it. A work by E.W. Brooke also showed up in the records for a 2014 estate sale in Los Angeles, but again the actual work proved elusive.

Kodera was as surprised as anyone when he received an email from Maine saying a painting by Brooke may have been located in a place where the artist has no known connection. Though the piece is still not fully authenticated — a particularly tricky task because there is little else by Brooke to compare it to — the early signs are very promising, according to Kodera.

One target of the search for Brooke is the possibility that somewhere, in the environs of Brooke’s life, there would be more evidence of van Gogh, maybe even an undiscovered work hidden away that was once a gift from the artist. But hopes for that kind of revelation, for finding even an additional example of Brooke’s work, were dented when Kodera found that Brooke’s home in Yokohama had been destroyed by the catastrophic 1923 earthquake and the terrible fires it spawned.

Now some optimism has resurfaced. If a Brooke can appear in an unlikely precinct of Maine, maybe there are others that have not been lost to time or disaster.

“This CAN be a breakthrough,” Kodera said in an email, using caps for emphasis, “to shed new light on the painter, and on Van Gogh’s last months.”

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Summer

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“I was really nervous, but I did it,” she said. “You’ve just got to do it.” Neither Gandhi, who was vaccinated, nor her children got sick in the coming weeks.

Gandhi is one of many health experts encouraging Americans to embrace the outdoors as they make plans for their second summer of the pandemic. The outdoor transmission rate for the coronavirus is very low, and much lower than the indoor rate, several lines of evidence suggest.

A study in Wuhan, China, last year identified only one case of outdoor transmission (the case is thought to have resulted from a conversation between two people, both of whom became infected) among 7,324 infections. In figures released by health authorities by health authorities in Ireland, only 1 in 1,000 coronavirus infections was traced to outdoor transmission.

But it’s a bit of an art form to apply those findings to specific outdoor activities this summer, especially at full-capacity venues and in the context of each individual’s risk for COVID-19. For instance, how should vaccinated parents of an unvaccinated child consider the myriad scenarios and risks associated with, say, a major-league baseball game in San Diego, an outdoor concert at Tanglewood in Massachusetts or the backyard birthday party of a neighborhood friend?

Finding hard numbers

Some experts, including Gandhi, advise people considering outdoor options to lean heavily on local coronavirus infection rates, COVID hospitalization statistics or vaccination rates. But other public-health and infectious-diseases experts continue to advocate for even more nuanced and individualized calculations that are sensitive to the size and density of crowds, airflow and health factors, such as your vaccination status and the overall strength of your immune system.

Gandhi hopes that people making summer plans look at local public-health numbers that can be found at online coronavirus data dashboards, as she did for her Austin trip. Federal officials have not clearly stated a numerical threshold of daily average cases or COVID hospitalizations to use in making risk assessments, but Gandhi and two colleagues sketched a framework in an essay published recently.

They advised pegging an end to masking and distancing restrictions to COVID hospitalization rates of fewer than five daily cases (meaning infections) per 100,000, averaged over several days.

“I think you could do something like three cases per 100,000 or two hospitalizations per 100,000,” Gandhi said. “You need to come up with a metric and say it’s safe to unmask outdoors even in

crowded settings.”

Peter Chin-Hong, a medical professor and infectious-diseases expert at the University of California, San Francisco, pointed to an average daily case rate of two per 100,000 people as a threshold for considering outdoor travel destinations.

“Travelers should look at COVID-19 burden in the proposed destination like they do the weather report,” he said, adding that this data is most relevant for people who are unvaccinated or have suppressed immune systems. The local vaccination rate might be the most telling figure on regional coronavirus dashboards, Chin-Hong said, because it impacts infections and other COVID metrics. Coronavirus infections started to drop this year in California and Israel when the percentage of vaccinated adults reached about 50%, he said, suggesting that figure as a threshold.

Mask safety and signals

Vaccination is a bottom line for all mingling considerations, including those outdoors, said Gregg Gonslaves, an public health researcher at the Yale School of Public Health. “If you’re vaccinated, it’s really hard to think of a reason to dissuade you from outdoor activities this summer — even crowded ones, say a big wedding — if everyone is vaccinated,” he said.

Nonetheless, he plans to wear a mask at places where people are in close contact for hours — say a roof party in Brooklyn or a day at the beach this summer — if the group includes people who have yet to be vaccinated or if he doesn’t know everyone’s vaccine status.

Such behavior would be more stringent than this past month’s updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention stating that vaccinated people no longer need to wear masks in nearly all settings.

For travel, he recommended checking local vaccination rates and looking out for surges in infection rates to gauge the risk of encounters with unvaccinated people infected with the virus. “If you’re in a part of the country where you have 30% or 40% vaccination, instead of where you have 60% or 70% vaccination, you’re more likely to come in contact with somebody who is potentially positive and shedding virus,” he said, adding that traveling families with unvaccinated kids and/or adults should continue to wear masks outdoors this summer.

People who are vaccinated and have no underlying health conditions probably need not worry about visiting theme parks or attending a concert or baseball game in an undomed stadium, said Linsey Marr, an engineering professor at Virginia Tech who has expertise in how viruses move in air. (Stadiums with domes or roofs can trap air, thus increasing the risk of viral spread.)

However, in hot spots with COVID vaccination rates below 30% or 40% or where

dashboards show more than an average of 10 daily infections per 100,000 people in a seven- or 14-day period, Marr said she would wear a mask in a crowded outdoor setting, despite being vaccinated.

And unvaccinated children and adults should mask up while standing in lines, where people tend to clot for long spells, Marr said. She would want her two children, one of whom is partially vaccinated, to wear masks at a theme park any time they came within 6 feet of others; she would don hers too, in solidarity.

With vaccines anticipated to be authorized for use in American children under 12 no sooner than late this summer, decisions about outdoor activities with groups of children are more complex. Hold children’s parties in a park or big yard, if possible, and keep them small, Gonslaves said. A party of 30 kids with 50 or so parents, some of whom are unvaccinated, would make him wary. Marr said that bounce houses at outdoor children’s parties should be limited to half their capacity.

Blurred lines

In November, Nooshin Razani, an associate professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at the University of California, San Francisco, was an author on a systematic review of published outdoor virus-transmission studies that has become influential among policymakers. Her research turned up findings of respiratory diseases spreading at big gatherings that took place largely outdoors but also included indoor dining and indoor overnight stays.

“When we talk about indoors versus outdoors, it’s not very binary actually,” Razani said.

Absolute statements about outdoor coronavirus risks this summer trouble Michael Osterholm, director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. Many people incorrectly assume that outdoor activities are entirely free of risk when it comes to the coronavirus, he said. And he opposed advising people to make outdoor plans based on local coronavirus infection, COVID hospitalization or vaccination numbers, because individual and community circumstances vary too much.

“If you’re going to a family reunion, you can look at the rates of infection in your community,” he said. “But at a lot of big outdoor events, if you have a person coming from an outside area, you have no idea where they are coming from in terms of risk.”

People at an increased risk for COVID — be that from being unvaccinated, an underlying condition, or a suppressed or weakened immune system — should wear an N95 respirator mask if they are stationary in a big crowd outdoors for hours, he said. Those who are not young, healthy, vaccinated adults should still avoid large, packed crowds, especially for extended periods of time, as well as any areas where air is trapped.

Hazards

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Emergency Management Agency, assesses the home’s current risk of flooding based on FEMA flood maps of the general area. The private data offers a long-term projection: sourced from Flood Factor, a tool created by the First Street Foundation, it communicates a 30-year estimate of future flood risk via a score of 1 to 10.

“You get a picture of not only what the risk looks like today as evaluated by FEMA, you get this more forward-looking picture of the types of flood events that you might face,” said Danielle Hale, chief economist for realtor.com. Some properties may currently show a low risk for flooding from FEMA, but have a higher long-term risk level from Flood Factor.

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First Street, also works with more than 1,000 cities on sustainability projects, and many, like Cambridge, Massachusetts, and St. Paul, Minnesota, have developed long-term response plans to climate change that include high-resolution maps depicting risks of fire, sea-level rise and heat.

Maps are a useful tool for buyers, said Dr. Cody Nehiba, a research professor at the Center for Energy Studies at Louisiana State University, because communitywide action on climate change can protect individual home values.

“Flood maps can help buyers determine the likelihood of their property being damaged in a flooding event and see what infrastructure the community has in place,” he said. “It is important to note that ill-prepared areas that continue to invest heavily in high-risk locations will likely face larger damages from climate change.”



Tidal flooding along the Lafayette River in Norfolk, Va.
(TIMOTHY C. WRIGHT / THE WASHINGTON POST)

For most people, buying a home is the largest single investment they’ll make in their lives. And in 2020, the U.S. incurred nearly \$100 billion in damages caused by natural disasters. By 2100, millions of coastal homes in the United States are expected to be underwater. Buyers need to also prepare for the sticker shock of home insurance rates: premiums have jumped 59% over the past decade, in large

part because of more hurricanes and wildfires; in California and other disaster-prone states, many homeowners are finding they simply no longer qualify for traditional home insurance at all.

“Research shows that homebuyers who are making the decision to relocate are increasingly considering future climate hazards,” said Katharine Burgess, vice president of Urban Resilience Program for

the Urban Land Institute.

Buyers who want to educate themselves on a property’s risk factor, however, should be prepared to do the research on their own. “A seller usually will not be willing to disclose some of the issues you could face as a homeowner of their house,” said Ruth Shin, the founder and chief executive of Property Nest, a New York-based housing site. “However, it’s important to be aware of weather and climate issues that have affected the area for the past few years.”

It’s also important to know the disclosure laws in your state.

Buyers in any state can request a natural hazard report from a third party for around \$100. But in California, sellers are required to provide buyers with a Natural Hazard Disclosure Report, which will alert them if the property is in a risk area for floods, earthquakes, wildfire or other hazards.

“If you haven’t owned a home before, you don’t necessarily think about the bad things that could happen post owning a home,” said John Berkowitz, chief executive of the real estate technology company OJO Labs.

In early May, OJO Labs launched a partnership with ClimateCheck, a startup that allows users to punch in any address and access a risk assessment across five climate-related categories: drought, fire, storm, heat and flood. OJO Labs is now including that data on all of its listings on movoto.com, its residential real estate search site.

“These things create a change in value and change a risk for this massive asset that you’re buying as a consumer, and whether people are proactively asking for it or not, we think it’s a responsibility to surface it to them,” Berkowitz said.

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BOOKS & HOBBIES

PETER M. REXFORD | TREASURE HUNT

Lifelong friendship started on The Hill

HERE’S AN AREA IN St. Louis that ideally defines the term “neighborhood.” It’s just south of midtown and is slightly elevated from the surrounding blocks. It’s called The Hill. One of the reasons it’s so iconic is its 150-year-old legacy as an enclave for Italians.

The Hill is still mainly Italian, with block after block of small bungalow homes sitting on beautifully manicured lots. On many corners sit storied Italian restaurants offering rich dishes from the homeland. Italian markets and bakeries also dot the area.

Little about The Hill has changed over the past century. Kids still play stickball and fill local parks with pick-up games.

In 1950, an astounding sporting feat included five young men from The Hill who played on the U.S. soccer team for the World Cup. They went on to beat England in a World Cup game, and a movie titled “The Game Of Their Lives” chronicled their unexpected win.

That pales compared to the baseball legacy attributed to The Hill. Back in the 1930s, two young Italian boys grew up just a street away from each other. One was named Larry, the other, Joe. They were two regular kids who



This Yogi Berra postage stamp is scheduled to be released by U.S. Postal Service on June 28. (SUBMITTED PHOTO)

loved playing baseball.

Both went to local Catholic high schools just blocks from

each other. Their talent for baseball was probably of little note to the nuns. Both were

catchers. Neither went on to college. Somewhere along the line they got noticed.

Larry first played ball for the amateur American Legion team in St. Louis. One afternoon, Larry (his last name was Berra) went to the movies with a Legion teammate. A film they saw was set in India. As they were leaving, Larry’s friend commented how he bore a resemblance to a practitioner of yoga in the movie – a “yogi.” The nickname stuck. Yogi Berra was born.

The rest is history. Berra is still recognized as one of the best catchers in baseball, earning the American League’s MVP award three times and appearing in 18 All-Star games. No catcher has surpassed his record for All-Star Game appearances. He was also in 21 World Series from which he received 13 Series rings.

A fixture on the New York Yankees, Yogi set a record for turning the most double plays by an AL catcher over six seasons and caught three no-hitter games. In 1972, he was inducted into the Base-

ball Hall of Fame.

As most fans fondly realize, the only thing Yogi is better known for than his baseball ability were his colloquially quizzical comments about practicality and life. They became known as “Yogiisms.”

There are dozens but a few include:

■ When you come to a fork in the road, take it.

■ You can observe a lot by just watching.

■ The future ain’t what it used to be.

■ You better cut the pizza into four pieces. I’m not hungry enough to eat six.

■ It’s like déjà vu all over again.

■ No one goes there nowadays, it’s too crowded.

■ Baseball is 90% mental. The other half is physical.

And, my personal favorite...

■ You should always go to other people’s funerals; otherwise, they won’t come to yours.

Yogi is now being honored on the newest USPS postage stamp. The “Forever” issue features an illustration of a smiling Berra wearing his

catcher’s vest in front of the words, “Yogi Berra – Baseball All-Star.” Slated to be released June 28, the stamp will be available in post offices nationwide. If it follows the trend of other baseball greats on stamps, such as Jackie Robinson, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, the stamp will be a huge seller and rise in value as they are snapped up to be used in collector frames.

Yogi died six years ago in 2015. Sadly, Joe — his good friend, neighbor and baseball buddy — isn’t here to see the stamp on which he’s saluted. Joe died in 2016, six months after Yogi. Incidentally, Joe’s last name was Garagiola.

While Yogi played for the Yankees, Joe made headlines of his own catching for his hometown Cardinals. Throughout their lives the two remained best friends. Later in life, Garagiola was quoted saying, “Not only was I not the best catcher in the major leagues, I wasn’t even the best catcher on my street.”

That’s the kind of friendship that’s still found on “The Hill.”

BOOK REVIEW

Author keeps eye on writers in ‘The Plot’

By COLETTE BANCROFT
Tampa Bay Times

“Where did you get the idea for your book?”

If you’ve ever been to an author event or a book signing, you’ve heard that question. If you’re a published author, you’ve heard it many, many times.

For some authors, it’s welcome and flattering. For others, it provokes an inner eye roll.

But the follow-up can make authors uncomfortable: “Let me tell you my great idea for a book!”

That innocent-sounding offer has been known to lead to plagiarism lawsuits. I saw Stephen King respond to it at a book signing by sticking his fingers in his ears and chanting “La la la” until the fan desisted.

But a lawsuit compared to what happens to a novelist named Jacob Finch Bonner in “The Plot,” the sleek new thriller by Jean Hanff Korelitz.

Korelitz is adept at twisty stories — her 2014 book, “You Should Have Known,” was made into the hit HBO series “The Undoing,” starring Nicole Kidman and her famous green coat.

In “The Plot,” Korelitz turns her writer’s sharp eye on writers themselves. Her protagonist can’t remember when he didn’t want to be a writer. Jake Bonner touches all the bases, reading intensively as a kid and fleshing out his given name with Finch, “added in high school as an homage to the novel that had awakened his love of fiction.”

He diligently earns creative writing degrees from prestigious programs and, in due course, writes and publishes “The Invention of Wonder,” deemed “New & Noteworthy” by the New York Times.

But several years have passed since then, and,

‘THE PLOT’

Author: Jean Hanff Korelitz
Publisher: Celadon Books
Pages: 336
Price: \$28

Korelitz writes, “Jacob Finch Bonner had fumbled his early shot, failed to produce a good enough second novel or any trace of a third novel, and been sent to the special purgatory for formerly promising writers.”

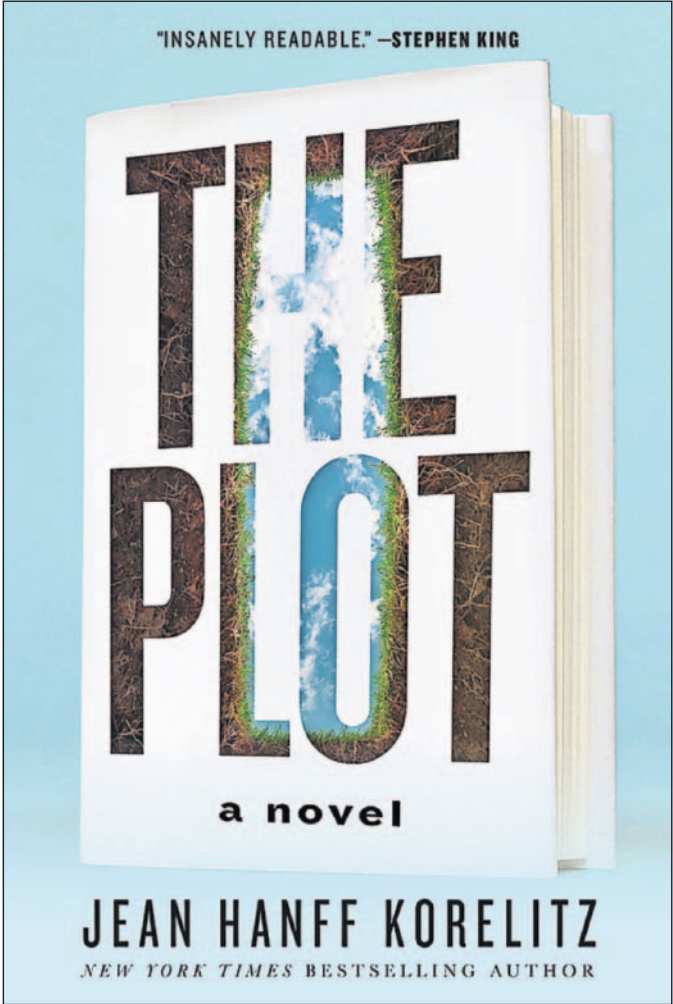
That purgatory is a faculty position at a low-residency creative writing program at Ripley College, a tiny, failing private school in the far reaches of Vermont. Jake is barely eking out a living between teaching at Ripley and freelance editing and consulting, and he is deeply depressed about the odds of his ever writing another good novel — or any other novel at all.

Then Evan Parker swaggers into his classroom. Or Parker Evan — “I’m thinking about reversing it, professionally. ... For privacy, yeah.”

Jake is gobsmacked. Evan has never published a word, but he’s absolutely certain that he’ll become one of the bestselling authors ever — Times bestseller list famous, Oprah’s book club famous, movie version by an iconic director famous, so famous he’ll have to protect himself from frenzied fans.

Evan is openly contemptuous of his fellow students and utterly arrogant toward his teacher. What’s more, in class he refuses to talk about the novel he’s working on — which is sort of the point of a writing workshop.

Jake reads the sample chapter Evan has submitted, and it’s not bad (though Jake hopes it will be). Then one night Evan shows up at Jake’s office



and reveals the source of his overconfidence: the plot.

He has a plot, he says, that cannot fail. And he tells Jake what it is. “The breadth of it, the wallop of it, this out-of-nowhere and outrageous story,” Jake thinks.

“Evan Parker had been entirely correct: the worst writer on the planet could not mess up a plot like this. And Evan Parker could write.”

A few years later, Evan’s dream has come true. “Crib” is a massive bestseller and Oprah’s pick, Spielberg is attached, and the author’s appearances fill 2,000-seat halls.

But the author is not Evan Parker, or Parker Evan. It’s Jacob Finch Bonner.

Jake is feeling pretty good about that until a book tour stop to do a radio show in Seattle with a dolt of a host who’s probably never read any book, much less his. Afterward, Jake opens an email from the “horrifying” address (think Ripley)

TalentedTom@gmail.com, “and though the message was brevity itself at a mere four words, it still managed to get its point across.

“You are a thief.” I’ll say no more; the plot of “The Plot” shouldn’t be spoiled.

Korelitz crafts it beautifully, interspersing it with occasional chapters from Jake’s book “Crib,” building suspense in the separate stories. The tension is counterpointed with mordant humor about authors and, especially, the publishing industry.

Korelitz explores not only the writerly sin of plagiarism but a more widespread issue: The fact that fiction writers, even those who would never plagiarize another writer’s work, often take their material from the lives of others, sometimes those closest to them, and that borrowing can have unexpected consequences.

It certainly does in “The Plot.”

BESTSELLERS

The New York Times bestsellers list available at time of production, from the week ending May 23.

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2. THE LAST THING HE TOLD ME , by Laura Dave.	8	3
3. PROJECT HAIL MARY , by Andy Weir.	6	3
4. WHILE JUSTICE SLEEPS , by Stacey Abrams.	1	2
5. 21ST BIRTHDAY , by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro.	3	3
6. THE HILL WE CLIMB , by Amanda Gorman.	4	8
7. THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY , by Matt Haig.	7	25
8. THAT SUMMER , by Jennifer Weiner.	5	2
9. THE FOUR WINDS , by Kristin Hannah.	10	16
10. A GAMBLING MAN , by David Baldacci.	9	5
NONFICTION		
1. THE ANTHROPOCENE REVIEWED , by John Green.	-	1
2. ZERO FAIL , by Carol Leonnig.	-	1
3. KILLING THE MOB , by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard.	1	3
4. WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? , by Bruce D. Perry and Oprah Winfrey.	4	4
5. NOISE , by Daniel Kahneman, Olivier Sibony and Cass R. Sunstein.	-	1
6. YEARBOOK , by Seth Rogen.	6	2
7. GREENLIGHTS , by Matthew McConaughey.	8	31
8. THE PREMONITION , by Michael Lewis.	6	3
9. THE BOMBER MAFIA , by Malcolm Gladwell.	7	4
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3. WHITE FRAGILITY , by Robin DiAngelo.		142
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4. PEOPLE WE MEET ON VACATION , by Emily Henry.		2
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ANSWERS

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Slip (and *slide*) in your backyard

Know your options, pick the right size for your yard

By HANNAH SELINGER
New York Times

You could easily call last summer the Year of the Backyard Pool, as the pandemic forced families away from crowded lakes, beaches and community centers. According to the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, pool sales rose by more than 20% in 2020, although many families alternatively turned to water bounce houses, backyard splash pads, Slip 'N Slides and other water-filled items to stay cool at home.

If you're similarly looking to turn your yard into a water park without the long-term commitment of an actual pool, here's how to get started.

Know your options

The world of backyard water entertainment has come a long way from the sprinkler runs of four decades ago. Water enthusiasts can now choose among bounce houses, water tables, elaborate sprinklers, inflatables of all shapes and sizes, splash pads and more.

For Jaime Maser Berman, 43, a beauty publicist in Westfield, New Jersey, the pandemic brought a move to the suburbs and a host of water-related toys. Maser Berman and her family invested in a Slip 'N Slide and a blowup baby pool, and accepted a hand-me-down water table from one of her sisters. Her backyard water-park project has been a success.

"If our backyard was bigger, I'd probably be trying to convince my husband we should have a blowup water bounce house," she said. (The inflatable houses take up a considerable amount of flat yard space.)

Thomas Jepsen, 30, of Ra-

leigh, North Carolina, bought a bounce house for his children midpandemic. Jepsen, chief executive of a company called Passion Plans, which connects homebuyers with architects and designers, said his kids needed entertainment. Luckily, Jepsen said, he had "a pretty big backyard," and after his children visited a friend with a water bounce house, the family fell in love with it and decided to buy one.

Major retailers, like Target, Amazon and Wayfair, stock inflatable water bounce houses. They range between \$300 and \$500 and are suitable for



From left: Tate Schmid, 6; Zachary Maffucci, 8; Owen Maffucci, 6 (at rear) and Jordan Mann, 12, cool off on a 25-foot inflatable palm tree Slip 'N Slide in South Orange, N.J., last month. According to the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance, pool sales rose by more than 20% in 2020, although many families alternatively turned to water bounce houses, backyard splash pads, Slip 'N Slides and other water-filled items to stay cool at home. (TONY CENICOLA / THE NEW YORK TIMES)

children 5 and older. They can also take up about 150 square feet and weigh up to 600 pounds when inflated.

Slip 'N Slides and their off-brand cousins can be used on ground that is not flat but still require ample yard space; they run about 12 to 60 feet in length.

If bounce houses and slides are too large for your yard, H2OGO! makes a 6-foot-

tall and roughly 4-foot-long caterpillar, an inflatable sprinkler system appropriate for children 2 and older. Fat Brain Toys offers a 6-foot-tall inflatable unicorn sprinkler

and a compact light-show sprinkler that can be attached to any standard hose.

Water tables, which range in price from about \$50 to

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LEE REICH | IN THE GARDEN

When watering plants, 'how much' has to be just right

WHO CAN PREDICT the weather? If it happens to be raining cats and dogs as you read this, my words might make you want to pelt me with ripe tomatoes — if you had them yet. Still, I'll say it again: Timely watering can eke the best plant growth from any plot of ground in any season.

Watering usually helps even in wet seasons because all the water that falls in such seasons is not available to plants. Roots need air to function, and a cat and dog rain temporarily drives all the air out of the ground. Roots start to breathe again only after gravity has pulled excess water deeper into the ground. A timely watering will spur plant growth in those drier periods between rains, even if the soil does not go bone dry.

I'm not making a case for setting up elaborate irrigation systems to water every maple, marigold, lettuce, and lawn grass. Such a degree of control would take too much of what is natural out of gardening. Too much perfection in watering can even cause trouble in some settings, such as when it spurs invasion of aggressive grasses into a wildflower garden. Depending on what you grow and how you take care of your plants, most of your yard might not justify being watered.

The part of the garden that cries out most for timely watering year in and year out is the vegetable garden. Most vegetables are annual plants, so they have their thirst quenched by just a season's growth of roots. What's more, we want our vegetables tender and juicy, qualities that come from cells plumped full of water.

Not all vegetables, though, are equally demanding of water. Lettuce and radishes do reach perfection only in consistently moist soil, but tomatoes actually taste best if kept slightly dry.

Let's sidle over to the flower bed now. Annual flowers need water until their roots establish themselves. Beyond the



Water, not too much and not too little, is all-important to growing healthy plants. (LEE REICH PHOTO)

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establishment phase, though, there are plenty of annual, biennial, and perennial flowers that grow well without any watering at all. After all, this is the "humid Northeast." Some such flowers that come to mind are Russian sage, potentilla, pinks, coneflower, lavender, and yarrow, as well as globe-flower, strawflower, and other flowers known to dry well after

cutting. Of course, if your goal is an English flower garden lush with delphinium spires, supplemental watering is probably needed. In that case, moving your garden to England also might be justified.

Like annuals, newly planted or young trees, shrubs, and vines need to be watered until they get established. These plants also eventually

get along fine without supplemental watering if plants are chosen that are adapted to their locations.

Whether you're growing vegetables, flowers, or trees, how you care for the soil can have as much impact on satisfying your plants' thirst as can watering itself. Applying plenty of organic materials, such as compost, leaves, and straw, makes any soil better able to sponge up extra moisture. Another way to preserve moisture is to avoid digging or tilling — these activities disrupt capillary water connections in the soil and "burn up" those water-retaining organic materials. Organic mulches are another big help, preventing evaporation from the ground's surface at the same time as they enrich the

soil with organic matter and obviate the need for tilling to control weeds.

Whenever some plants justify watering because of a freak dry season or just because of the kinds of plants they are, do it right. Figure, on average, of plants needing a one inch depth of water per week, as rainfall or sprinkler fall measured into a straight sided container. If you use drip irrigation, a watering can, or a hose, translate that figure into a half-gallon per square foot of planted area or estimated spread of roots.

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well over \$100, offer younger kids the opportunity to play in the water without the hassle of a pool. They can be placed either on grass or a patio or a deck, and, once filled, don't need to be replenished for a few days. Little Tikes makes sturdy water tables (as well as a new-to-the-market product called the Foamo Foam Machine, which produces a small mountain of nontoxic foam that can be used outdoors).

Flat splash pads lie on the ground and allow young children to play in a shallow disk of water.

Lindsay Fargo, 42, of Santa Cruz, California, bought a pad for her 2-year-old daughter last year. Fargo, senior consultant for product growth for Little Bridges, which sells multigenerational activity kits, found that the splash pad left "room in the yard for more fun," but that it was "big enough for a few family members to enjoy together."

She also liked how easy it was to store, by tucking it away in the garage or garden shed. The splash pad, she said, was easy to use: Connect a garden hose and let it go.

"No parental lungs or trips to the hardware store for air pumps required here," she said.

Compact and weighing between 2 and 3 pounds, splash pads can be used safely by children as young as 2. They're also a good choice for people who would like to spend a little less (they are available for \$50 and up), or who have smaller outdoor areas.

Know your needs

When purchasing outdoor water toys, consider your budget, space limitations and whether you have flat ground, which is necessary for pads and inflatables.

You'll also want to consider possible downsides. Splash pads, Fargo said, can pool particularly cold water, since the water runs continuously from the hose and doesn't have an opportunity to warm in the sun. But that need not necessarily be a deal-breaker. The temperature, Fargo said, "may have shortened our playtime a bit, but that made us feel like we wasted less water."

Water use, as a whole, is a valid consideration, especially when you consider environmental impact. Since water cannot be recycled in many active water toys, the most environmentally friendly option is a water table, which only requires a single fill and not the constant running of the hose.

Water tables do have to be replenished every few days,

but they still consume less than sprinklers, bounce houses and splash pads. And, since they can be used on hard surfaces, they won't cause damage to your lawn.

Inflatables, in particular, can kill grass, said Caitlin Manner, 37, a writer from Panama City, Florida. Last summer, when her sons were 2, 5 and 8, Manner bought a bounce house with a pool and slide.

"It definitely killed off a patch of grass," Manner said. "If you leave it any longer than two days, that grass is toast."

Keep them clean

Outdoor water toys are prone to mildew, mold, pollen and animal damage. To keep them looking their best, spray them down regularly with water and deep-clean them when needed.

Jepsen recommends cleaning bounce houses and other outdoor water toys with a solution of vinegar and dish soap. Make your own solution by combining, in a spray bottle, ¼ cup white vinegar, ½ teaspoon of dish soap, and 2½ cups of water. Spray the cleaner all over the inflatable, wash with clean water and allow it to dry.

He also suggests deflating and drying bounce houses regularly, advice which can translate to any inflatable water toy.

WASHINGTON

Mortgage rates fall, remaining under 3%

By KATHY ORTON

The Washington Post

Despite an economy that appears to be strengthening, mortgage rates continued to hover below 3% this week. They have not been above 3% the past two months.

According to the latest data released Thursday by Freddie Mac, the 30-year fixed-rate average fell to 2.96% with an average 0.7 point. (Points are fees paid

to a lender equal to 1% of the loan amount. They are in addition to the interest rate.) It was 2.99% a week ago and 3.21% a year ago.

The 15-year fixed-rate average slid to 2.23% with an average 0.6 point. It was 2.27% a week ago and 2.62% a year ago. The five-year adjustable rate average dropped to 2.55% with an average 0.2 point. It was 2.64% a week ago and 3.1% a year ago.



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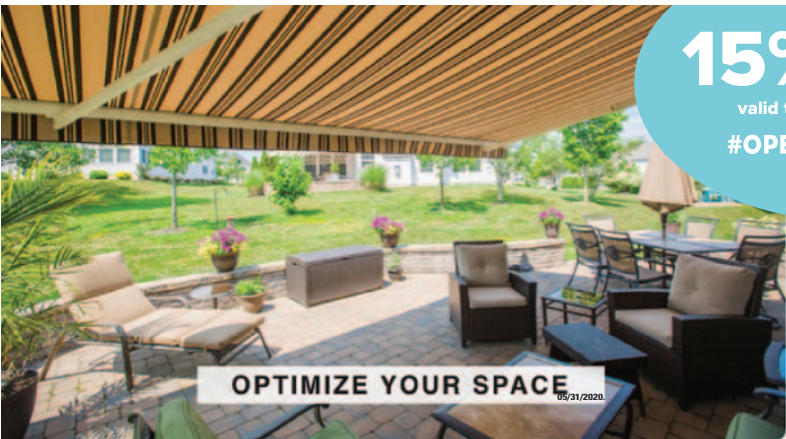
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DON AND DAVE RUNYAN | PROJECT OF THE WEEK

Make a wishing well

THERE'S NOTHING like a wishing well to add a little mysterious charm to the landscape. Children can't resist the idea of making a wish, and even adults have been known to toss in a penny or two. Although this do-it-yourself version doesn't hold water, it will add an instant focal point to the yard or garden.

The project is simple enough for most woodworkers. The wall is constructed of "bricks" cut from standard 2-by-4 lumber and laid out on a template using glue and nails, so there's no masonry involved.

Other materials include standard 4-by-6 and 2-by-6 lumber, plus a single 4-by-8 sheet of exterior plywood for the roof.

The wishing well is built from redwood as pictured, but cedar or even pressure treated lumber work well, because all three withstand the elements and require little maintenance. The project can be finished clear, stained or painted as the builder desires.

The wishing well measures 4 feet in diameter and almost 7 feet tall, and includes authentic finishing touches like a bucket and an operating windlass with a crank.

The Wishing Well plan, No. 371, is \$9.95 and includes complete step-by-step instructions with photos, full-size traceable



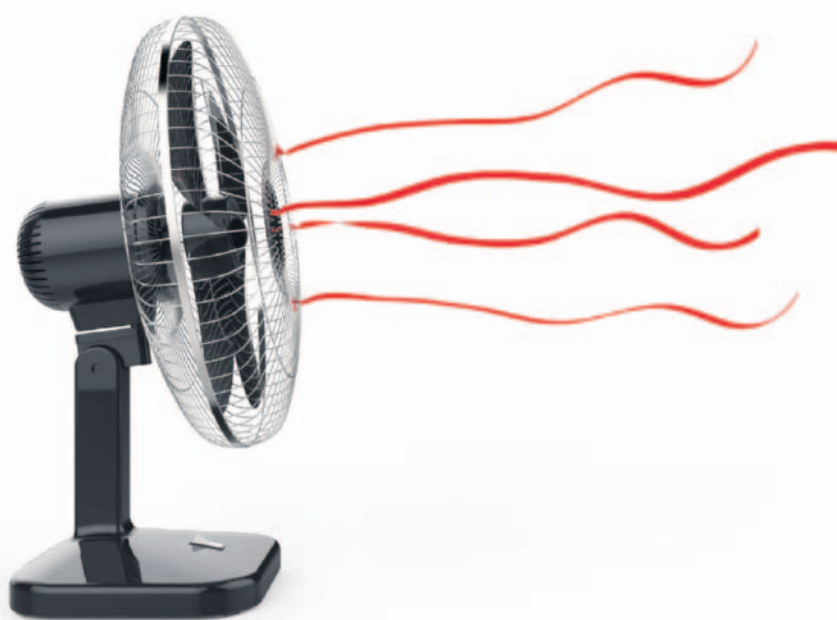
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TERRY AND KIM KOVEL | ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

Bamboo trim for Victorian furniture

VICTORIAN FURNITURE was larger, heavier and usually darker and much more ornate than the midcentury or even modern pieces used today. The houses were large and dark. The electric light was not invented until about 1805, and the candles and oil lamps used for light could only illuminate a small area.

Big carvings could be seen, dark wood covered some of the flaws and wealthy homeowners who bought the expensive furniture had large homes with big rooms and the furniture was styled to show off the size and wealth.

The best furniture makers and designers in New York favored George Hunzinger, who came from Germany in 1855. He made unusual furniture that had wooden parts that looked like lollipops and plumbing parts. Many chairs folded up. He patented over 20 designs.

Another star was the firm Kimbel and Cabus. These New Yorkers started in 1862. They created modern Gothic style, much simpler than the earlier renaissance Gothic and an Anglo-Japanese look. They used tiles, painted sections and metal trim.

A third totally different type of furniture was made by Robert Horner in 1886. Walnut wood was scarce so he used oak or mahogany to make heavy furniture with large carvings of gargoyles and cherubs and trim.

A Cowan auction sold a five-drawer Horner chest of drawers.

The Horner chest had faux bamboo trim on the drawers and a side lock. The bamboo pole at the side is made to slide over part of the drawer to keep the drawers shut and locked. It sold for \$1,088.

Q. I love McCoy pottery and for years have had a green McCoy letter holder hanging on the wall near my front door. Is it rare?

A. The McCoy Pottery Co. was

based in Zanesville, Ohio, and from 1910 to 1990, produced huge numbers of planters, bowls, serving dishes, wall pockets, cookie jars and your letter holder. The pottery is still an inexpensive and colorful collectible. McCoy pottery is functional, including your letter holder, which is selling for around \$45 in antique stores.

Q. I have an extensive glass collection and live in the middle of nowhere and would like to find an appraiser to give me a fair value on my collection.

A. First decide what kind of appraisal you need, one for insurance or estate purposes, or one to find out how much you can sell your collection for. The appraiser will have to travel to see your collection. Insurance companies usually require a written appraisal from a qualified appraiser to set the amount they will cover. Ask the appraiser what the fee is for a written appraisal.

After you get the appraisal, call your insurance agent to see if you need to buy extra insurance or a special fine arts policy to cover the value of your collection. Some things, like guns, expensive paintings, books, jewelry and computer equipment, may require special appraisers. These national appraiser societies list appraisers by specialty and location and are listed on our website, **Kovels.com**. American Society of Appraisers (**Appraisers.org**); Appraisers Association of America, Inc. (**AppraisersAssociation.org**); and International Society of Appraisers (**Isa-Appraisers.org**) are the largest national groups.

TIP: Need a quick measurement at an antiques show? A penny is ¾ inch in diameter; a dollar bill is almost 6 inches long.

Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer readers' questions sent to the column. Write to Kovels, *The Republican*, King Features Syndicate, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803 or email us at collectorsgallery@kovels.com.



Fake bamboo was often used as trim on late Victorian furniture. The trim plus the clever side lock on the chest made this Horner piece worth over \$1,000. (COWLES SYNDICATE INC.)

CURRENT PRICES

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States. Prices vary in different locations because of local economic conditions.

Mouse trap, wire cage, domed top, flat bottom, 10 x 16 inches, \$25.

Jewelry, pin, ribbon shaped into heart, arrow pierces through, gold tone metal, seed pearl band, retro, 1950s, 1 inch, \$155.

Toy, Two Clowns on See Saw, cast iron, painted, blue costumes with white ruff, red hats with dots, curved base, rocks back and forth, rounded screws, 6 x 8½ inches, \$210.

Glass lusters, ruby glass, gilt flower decoration, scalloped edge, teardrop stem, round base, each with 10 long clear glass spear prisms, 13¼ x 6 inches, pair, \$345.

Sterling silver flatware, carving set, hardwood handle with inlaid silver squares, William Spratling, Taxco, Mexico, c. 1964, knife 13 inches, fork 10¾ inches, two pieces, \$530.

Sports, football helmet, San Francisco 49ers, Official by Riddell, attached face cage, signed with marker by Hall of Famers Joe Perry, Y.A. Tittle, Jerry Rice, Hugh McElhenny, Fred Dean, Jimmy Johnson, Steve Young and more, 1970s-1990s, \$660.

Deeds

AGAWAM

Bobbi G. Coletta to Dumitru Marcu, 149 Corey Colonial, Unit 149, \$173,000.

Bonnie S. Hart to Steven D. Pope and Evelyn Mikuszewski, 14 Plantation Drive, Unit 14, \$202,000.

Christina M. Cournoyer, Christina M. Ronchi and Eric Cournoyer to Greg G. Landry, 99 Corey Colonial, \$177,000.

Kyle Dietrichsen to Scott V. Campion, 49 Broz Terrace, \$248,245.

Pine Crossing Construction Inc., to Roland M. Gelineau and Lynn A. Gelineau, 28 Villa Drive, Unit 7, \$339,900.

Randal W. Shrader and Judith M. Shrader to Brital1987 LLC, 21 Edgewater Road, \$182,500.

Roland M. Gelineau and Lynn A. Gelineau to Jennifer E. Bonavita and Ellen C. Bonavita, 25 Castle Hill Road, Unit D, \$275,000.

AMHERST

Eleanor M. Fraser, trustee, and Revocable Indenture of Trust of Eleanor M. Fraser to Kevin W. O'Connor and Judith A. O'Connor, 9 McIntosh Drive, \$430,000.

Joseph Aimua to Dugubrown Construction LLC, East Leverett Road, \$38,000.

Joyce Merriam and Laurie Lloyd, attorney-in-fact, to Ann P. Hudson, 42 Webster Court, \$240,000.

Monica W. Gichuhi to Matthew Given, 198 Alpine Drive, \$399,900.

Rahul Chokhawala and Florence Chokhawala to John R. Beatty and Rosanne F. Beatty, 27 Greenleaves Drive, \$250,000.

Richard L. Tedeschi, personal representative, and John Ratti Hugo Jr., estate, to Donghyun Kim and Euddeum Choi, 11 Chadwick Court, \$240,000.

Peter Blumberg, trustee, Joyce Ann Thatcher, trustee, and Peter Blumberg & Joyce Ann Thatcher Asset Protection Trust to Viet T. Le, 139 Sunset Ave., \$490,000.

Alice M. MacDonald, Barbara Stewart, James Gnatek Jr., and James Gnetek Jr., to 7740NorthEastCollege LLC, 142 North East St., \$300,000.

Mary Anne Antonellis and Christopher J. Bonak to Erin T. Poulin, 100 Leverett Road, \$333,600.

Zachary M. Kaufman to Daniel Cook, 167 Glendale Road, \$275,000.

BELCHERTOWN

LaFleur & Son Inc., to Jeremy Burns, 170 Aldrich St., \$399,900.

Mary G. Barnum to Theresa J. Gallagher, 33 Maple St., \$320,000.

Shirley A. Kirby to Steven T. Ciesones, 55 Jackson St., \$100.

Jeffrey A. Bessette to Kerri Lyn Bolow,

Allen Street, \$60,000.

James Longobardo and Ewa Longobardo to Steven Baer, 272 Franklin St., \$430,000.

Hickory Hills Realty LLC, to Patrick Pica, trustee, Barry Solomon, trustee, Carole Rege, trustee, Pam Leckie, trustee, Hickory Hills Trust and Hickory Hills Homeowners Association, \$100.

BERNARDSTON

Adam P. Harrington and Kearstin Harrington to Charles J. Spofford and Jane E. Spofford, 51 Hillcrest Drive, \$252,500.

Schimelpfenig 2019 Revocable Trust, Cindy Lee Schimelpfenig, trustee, to Megan K. Lena and Eric T. Schimelpfenig, 264 Martindale Road, \$380,000.

BLANDFORD

Cody Ashton Patch to Katherine Yamashita McDonough, 2 Sanderson Brook Road, \$245,000.

BRIMFIELD

Brimfield Acres North Inc., to Treasure Hunter 1810 LLC, 74 Palmer Road, \$695,000.

Jose Gonzalez and Yetzaly Gonzalez to Jason R. Richard and Kyra S. Zehelski, 281 Warren Road, \$210,000.

BUCKLAND

Marcia Smith to Jill E. Selleck and Victoria G. R. Selleck, Avery Road, \$84,900.

Gregory F. D. Horrocks to Clinton W. Phillips and Leah M. Phillips, Crittenden Hill Road, \$312,500.

CHARLEMONT

Guerri Family Irrevocable Trust, Carl M. Perella, trustee, to Country Development Corp., 225 Main St., \$250,000.

CHESTER

Robert Downer to Christa L. Emerson, trustee, and LSBINV Trust, trustee of, Abbott Hill Road, \$35,000.

CHESTERFIELD

Catherine F. Simard, Janet M. Trehey and Janet M. Simard to Gary L. Culver and Michelle M. Culver, Fuller Road, \$38,000.

CHICOPEE

Chicopee City to C & C Realty Trust, Munger Road, \$3,100.

Chicopee City to DDM Property Group LLC, 81 Chestnut St., \$102,000.

Chicopee City to Vitaliy Volkov, Richard Street, \$3,500.

Cindy S. Kwajewski to Brittany Diane

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Canterbury-Diaz, 285 Montgomery St., \$164,500.

Clark Manor Properties LLC, to RM Blerman LLC, 45 Dale St., \$470,400.

David G. Chappelaine and Bruce J. Chappelaine to Maria L. Ferraro Beardsley and Neil A. Beardsley, 654 Pendleton Ave., \$213,800.

Donna O'Shea and Donna O. Koestner to Lauren A. LaPointe, 69 Lord Terrace North, \$385,000.

Lifepoint Baptist Church of Chicopee Inc., to Lenviv LLP, New Ludlow Road, \$29,000.

Kenneth J. Brown and Kenneth John Brown to Edwin Guzman, 91 Laclede Ave., \$249,900.

Lombardz LLC, to JLL Real Estate LLC, Shawinigan Drive, \$275,000.

Matadormus LLC, to Ricky Arroyo, 23-25 Alvord Ave., \$275,000.

Monica Rosskothén to Kendall G. McClintock and Ann M. McClintock, 127 Acrebrook Drive, \$297,000.

Patrick J. Hurst and Kaitlyn Hurst to David Fraska, 98 Neill Ave., \$345,000.

Robert E. Jorgensen, Jason R. Jorgensen and Jennifer L. Jorgensen to James Rosemond III, 167-169 East St., \$270,000.

Timothy D. Raymond Jr., to Shawn Antunes, 196 Rolf Ave., \$120,000.

Yasmin M. Forbes to Li Qui Gao and Mun Ying K. Cheng, 10 Providence St., \$207,000.

DEERFIELD

Cynthia D. McCahon and David J. McCahon to Jonathan M. Friz and Cassiani Friz, 51 Upper Road, \$350,000.

EAST LONGMEADOW

D. R. Chestnut LLC, to Denise M. Kelly, trustee, Frederick C. Kelly, trustee, and Denise M. Kelly Revocable Trust, trustee of, 7 Clover Lane, Unit V-15, \$622,000.

John H. Bammann and Kristie A. Bammann to Jonathan L. Jordan and Kaela K. Jordan, 37 Colony Drive, \$350,000.

Joseph E. Townshend to Robert Salas, 85 Allen St., \$268,000.

Michael Carabetta to Nicholas C. Catjakis and Renee C. Catjakis, 11 Fairway Lane, \$480,000.

Monica Barna to Gregory Riberdy and Mary Beth Riberdy, 73 Redin Drive, \$260,000.

Nancy R. Cameron to Sandra Carlson, 216 Pinehurst Drive, \$430,000.

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Daniel A. Poulin, Deborah A. Richerson, Deborah A. Poulin, Karen A. Banks,

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William Damato and Theresa Damato to Christopher B. Norton and Kathleen M. Neville, 35 Strong St., \$452,000.

Jessica L. Keefe and Michael R. Keefe to Richard King and Jessica King, 20 Torrey St., \$325,000.

Oliver D. Beltran to Jessica Lynne Keefe and Michael R. Keefe, 18 Willow Circle, \$400,000.

Ronald J. Stolarik and Anne Stolarik to Katelyn Hurley, William Hurley and Frances Hurley, 37 Campbell Drive, \$264,000.

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Rudzik Nominee Trust, Thomas R. Rudzik, trustee, Barbara A. Rudzik, trustee, Thomas R. Rudzik Jr., trustee, Diane M. Morisi, trustee, and Terri L. Hewes, trustee, to Ann Lord Schmitt and Stephen Roxby Morley, 21 Fuller Road, \$460,000.

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Lobsang Dolma to Brigitte Ruhe, 59 Granby Heights, \$186,000.

Robert T. Mann and Sarah A. Mann to Hollie Lehouillier, 29 Kellogg St., \$250,000.

Kotowicz Custom Homes LLC, to Jason Robert Lariviere and Cynthia Louise Lariviere, 335 Chicopee St., \$458,500.

Edward C. Shyloski & Sons Inc., to Kevin Miller and Shannon Miller, School Street, \$150,000.

Timothy Healey, Dlynn A. Healey and Dlynn Healey to Jonathan Szymonik, Amherst Street, \$79,500.

GREENFIELD

Robert Charles Janvrin to Rebekah Patnode and Elizabeth Ashley Pease, 194 High St., \$279,900.

Amy B. Patt to Tad J. Bassingthwaite, 178 Fairview St. West, \$251,000.

Robert B. Liebenow and Linda A. Liebenow to 163 Wells Street LLC, 163 Wells St., \$229,000.

Sacred Heartwhite Eagle Society of Greenfield MA Inc., to Edward S. Kaczinski Jr., and Karen R. Kaczinski, 249 Plain Road, \$200,000.

Seneca Realty LLC, to Althea Levin Rieff Keaton and Amanda Lynn Menier, 271 Log Plain Road, \$235,000.

Dimitriy D. Darmanchev to OV Properties LLC, 107 Fairview St., \$165,000.

HADLEY

Stanley G. Kostek to Jason A. Galvin, 89 Rocky Hill Road, \$75,000.

HAMPDEN

Frank L. Gentile Jr., and Elaine P. Gentile to Anthony Geary, 155 Raymond Drive, \$297,000.

John T. Gilmartin and Lori J. Gilmartin to Jesse Theophilopoulos and Trisha Theophilopoulos, 89 Main St., \$326,000.

Nancy A. Sams and Douglas C. Broom to Thomas M. Rosati and Donna L. Rosati, 175 Scantic Road, \$560,000.

Sean M. Hrycay and Erin J. Hrycay to Shawn G. Kelley and Ashley Kelley, 74 Bayberry Road, \$385,000.

William M. Heenan to Steven E. Guzzo and Kathy C. Guzzo, Glendale Road, \$140,000.

HATFIELD

Katherine V. Harris to Lisa M. Ibrahim, 230 Straits Road, \$340,000.

HOLLAND

Cody Langlitz to Jenna Soper and Brandon Gregoire, Old Acres Road, \$257,353.

Fannie Mae and Federal National Mortgage Association to Property Advantage

Inc., 3 Ridge Road, \$45,000.

John P. Wallick to Tyler Hutton and Willard J. Hutton, 188 Brimfield Road, \$185,000.

Steven J. Grimaldi and Debra B. Grimaldi to Jarret Tanner Sumwalt and Stephanie Sumwalt, Vinton Road, \$75,000.

Wilhelmina F. Conerly and Douglas Fogleman to Christian Torres and Suzanne Marie Torres, 7 Bennett Lane, \$213,000.

William E. Fournier to David E. Demers, 2 Knollwood Drive, \$145,000.

HOLYOKE

Agency Massachusetts Housing Finance to Jordan Doucette, 18-20 Greenwood Ave., \$229,900.

Alfaville LLC, to Kenneth J. Brown, Maple Crest Drive, Unit 8D, \$130,000.

Blue Summit Realty LLC, to Servicenet Inc., 1232-1236 Main St., \$1,500,000.

Brian G. Stebbins, Linda Portno-Sebbins and Linda Portno-Sebbins to James M. Meara, 10 Labrie Lane, \$620,000.

Coakley Corp., to Daryn Michael Sampson, 60 Lower Westfield Road, \$245,000.

Craig E. O'Brien and Mandi L. O'Brien to Alexandra L. Puffer and Andrew M. Rees, 80 Pleasant St., \$400,000.

Dicky Matos to Arlene I. Oquendo, 123

Oak St., \$300,000.

Frank Salas to Estrella M. Jusino, 248 Lyman St., \$300,000.

Irene M. Doyle to Aaron J. Palmer, 166 Ontario Ave., \$213,000.

Jared J. Mendoza, Katherine A. Mendoza and Katherine A. Cummings to Joel Nisly and Sarah Nisly, 1175 Hampden St., \$205,000.

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R. Still to Benjamin Yarra and Taylor Fenyves, 79 Searle Road, \$260,000.

Douglas Twarosch and Dalene Twarosch to Casey Anne McKittrick and Brett Robert Erelli, 22 Nagler Cross Road, \$294,000.

LONGMEADOW

Carol L. Abizaid to Russell J. Fontaine and Jeanne E. Fontaine, 183 Meadowbrook Road, \$350,000.

David T. Wright and Lynn M. Wright to Mario Parente, 126 Nevins Ave., \$341,000.

Ellen F. Albano to Daniel Joshua Triplett and Cassandra Wood-Triplett, 78 Nevins Ave., \$275,000.

Jeanne V. Wheeler to Arianna Bonzagni and Paul Temple, 143 Viscount Road, \$408,000.

Joan I. Narmontas and Steven Narmontas to Piotr Strek and Brooke Norvish, 132 Meadowlark Drive, \$348,000.

Lena Rosen to William J. Marganti, 373 Williams St., \$316,000.

Leslie D. Gist to William Shube and Sarah Shube, 116 Normandy Road, \$795,000.

Patricia E. Connor, estate, and Linda Pilvelis, representative, to Taylor Cole Jones, Taylor Jones and Lindsey Jones, 144 Brookwood Drive, \$305,000.

LUDLOW

Baystate Developers Inc., to Giovanni Cirillo and Tiziana Cirillo, Sunset Ridge, \$130,000.

Dustin Gray and Alison Gray to Philip Gallo and Samantha Gallo, 135 Guertin Ave., \$251,000.

Jose M. Goncalves and Christine A. Goncalves to XiaoLi Li, 62 Isabel Lane, \$488,000.

Kenneth Massey and Susan Martins-Massey to Michael Vincent Cortina and Sarah Chadbourne, 170 Ridgeview Circle, \$265,000.

Michael P. Amaral, Jennifer L. Luszcz and Jennifer L. Amaral to Raul G. Fraga and Maria J. Fraga, 33 Marion Circle, \$310,000.

Nicholas D. Dusza and Jerilyn A. Dusza to Jessica Leroux, 795 Chapin St., \$280,000.

Nolpaq Properties LLC, to John B. Murphy and James P. Murphy, 51-57 Howard St., \$365,000.

Phillip J. Rodrigues and Phillip I. Rodrigues to Joseph Burns, 11-13 Williams St., \$230,000.

Theodore E. Metayer, Linda A. Metayer, Theodore E. Metayer Jr., Michelle L. Golinski and Gregory A. Metayer to Mayra I. Hervieux, 708 Chapin St., \$256,000.

MIDDLEFIELD

Vincent Jockimo, trustee, and Bernice A. Jockimo Irrevocable Trust to Kelsy Oberkoetter, 45 Chipman Road, \$33,000.

Charles H. Winn and Julie A. Marcoulier, attorney-in-fact, to Denise Michaud Lucas, 153 Skyline Trail, \$218,000.

MONROE

Gregory Randell and Barbra Randell to Community LD LLC, Turner Hill Road, \$7,500.

MONSON

H & L Builders & Developers Inc., to Aaron P. Charette and Mia E. Charette, 102 Bogan Road, \$80,000.

Cheri L. Johnson to Lauren Tauer and Samuel Nelson, 13 Stebbins Road, \$321,000.

Edith S. Wurster, estate, and Edith Julia Baker, representative, to Gary Marcoullier and Kathleen Marcoullier, 168 Town Farm Road, \$500,000.

Gennie M. Bailey, Gennie M. Brothers and Justin G. Bailey to Brandyn J. Pelissier and Allison J. Pelissier, 257 Wilbraham Road, \$255,000.

Joseph H. Gagne and Brenda J. Gagne to David A. Reinstein and Elsbeth Geldhof, 21 Highland Ave., \$275,000.

Meghan E. Dasco and Joseph D. Dasco to Sarah Thomas and Michael Dwyer, 351 Lower Hampden Road, \$480,000.

Rose M. Donnell and Richard E. Donnell to Stephanie Lacerda Alves, 10 Flynt Ave., \$349,900.

MONTAGUE

Timothy B. Batchelder and Kensey S. Batchelder to Sandra Vanesa Navarro and Dominique Daniel Tremblay, 26 Randall Wood Drive, \$353,000.

NORTHAMPTON

Bruce M. Kriviskey and Alison F. Kriviskey to Kimberly A. Mahoney, 23 Ice Pond Drive, \$627,000.

Joanne Marqusee to Isabel L. Wells and David K. Meininger, 226 Prospect St., \$1,000,000.

Devon L. Greyson and Beth A. Clark to Jodi M. Miller, 167 Chestnut St., \$493,000.

Lori L. Paporello to Lori L. Paporello, trustee, and Lori L. Paporello Trust, 85 Woodlawn Ave., \$100.

Monica F. Giganti, trustee, and Turomsha 2014 Irrevocable Trust to Turomsha 2014 Revocable Trust and William J. Turomsha, trustee, 11 Williams St., \$100.

Declan O'Connor-St. Pierre, Colleen M. O'Connor and Michele D. O'Connor-St. Pierre to Ingrid Margaret Hohmann, 17 Trumbull Road, \$407,339.

William J. Corwin and Jennifer Amy Rosner to Benjamin Church and Deepali Maheshwari, 93 Washington Ave., \$770,000.

Ingrid Hohmann to Laura Quigg and Bjorn

Flesaker, 17 Trumbull Road, \$310,000.

Bermor LP, and Bermor Inc., general partner, to Ralph R. Realty LLC, 84 Main St., 90 Main St., 19 Armory St., and 25 Kirkland Ave., \$3,900,000.

Stephen G. Sireci and Chloe Torres to David Kates and Katie Temes, 125 North St., \$439,000.

Barbara Slemmer to Judith Hyde, 16 Mountain Laurel Path, \$290,000.

Emerson Way LLC, to Miranda S. Lutyens, 131 Emerson Way, \$250,000.

Sunwood Development Corp., to Amanda L. Nash, 117 Olander Drive, \$366,300.

Sunwood Development Corp., to Joseph M. Holmes and Elizabeth G.C. Dyer, 117 Olander Drive, \$585,900.

NORTHFIELD

Thomas R. Shearer Investment Trust, Thomas R. Shearer, trustee, Patricia E. Shearer Investment Trust, Patricia E. Shearer, trustee, Ruth S. Godfrey, Martha L. Johnson, Edward D. Shearer, James R. Shearer and Jeanne S. West, individually, to Sixty Three Northfield LLC, Millers Falls Road, \$175,000.

Babak Sadri-Azarbayejani and Flora F. Sadri-Azarbayejani, to Xiuyu Liang, 427 S. Mountain Road, \$480,000.

ORANGE

GRH Trust of February 19, 1992, Gregory R. Haughton, trustee, to Lori A. Kaltner and Patrick A. Kaltner, 47 Daniel Shays Highway, \$63,600.

PALMER

Abbie M. Muche, Abbie M. Valadares and Sergio Valadares to Brett A. Toney, 181 State St., \$485,000.

Brandon Fiske to Vadym Denysyuk, 25 Elizabeth St., \$40,000.

Christine M. Miarecki and Joseph J. Miarecki to HRQ Global LLC, Fuller Road, \$55,000.

Jacob Ritter to Aubrey Rugani and Daniel Wilson, 2144 Palmer St., \$240,000.

Joseph Kennedy and Kimberly A. Hoy-Kennedy to Connor Kennedy, 29 Arnold St., \$185,000.

PLAINFIELD

Almond Property Management LLC, to Farmhouse Properties LLC, 27 Broom St., \$700,000.

SHELburne

Giard Family Trust, Sharon M. Rogalski, trustee, James R. Giard and Jane H. Giard, individually, to Nina Reyes, 266 Colrain Shelburne Road, \$170,000.

SHUTESBURY

Scott P. Ardizzone and Jacqueline M. Ardizzone to Gregory Day and Afsana B. Afzal, 10 Hawks View Road, \$952,900.

Sylvia Hankin to Mark Lipman and Paul Lipman, 27 Weatherwood Road, \$345,000.

SOUTH HADLEY

James Rippa and Karen Bradley Rippa to Daniel R. Sharp. 41 Red Bridge Lane, \$630,000.

Raymond Manniello to Francis Real Estate Holdings LLC, 488 Newton St., \$160,000.

J.N. Duquette & Son Construction Inc., to Loree A. Carver, 32 Lyon Green, \$492,000.

Robert J. Suprenant, trustee, and Suprenant-Page Children Trust to Thai Chan Kim, 133 Lathrop St., \$260,000.

Michael D. Hilton, personal representative, and David Hilton, estate, to April Doroski, 27 Judd Ave., \$205,000.

Joseph L. Couture to Jared J. Mendoza and Katherine A. Mendoza, 99 Granby Road, \$307,500.

Amy C. Irwin and David B. Sudyka to Thomas F. Bernard, 29 Westbrook Road, \$235,000.

Bruce E. Lukasik, Ann Lukasik and Bruce Lukasik to Randy Manseau and Patricia B. Hay, 30 Highland Ave., \$388,500.

Barry M. Sponder and Angmaya Sponder to Shanti Devi Sponder, 23 Waite Ave., \$160,000.

Veronica Gajownik and Andrea Rae Jones to Steven J. Cohen, 124 College St., \$183,750.

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John Gwosch and Donna Gwosch to William P. Koetsch and Frederyque L. Koetsch, 59 Pomeroy Meadow Road, \$349,900.

SOUTHWICK

Eric W. Woodruff to Christopher S. Bushee, 27 Crescent Circle, \$65,000.

Sharon Cournoyer to Donna M. O'Shea, 35 South View Drive, Unit 35, \$266,000.

SPRINGFIELD

2G Properties LLC, to Rehana A. Pereira, 12 Alderman St., \$250,000.

AAD LLC, to Samuel Braverman and Katie Braverman, 104-106 Pasadena St., \$315,000.

Angel O. Alban and Maria F. Alban to Ana Dela Rosa, 870 Wilbraham Road, \$315,000.

Aquarius Real Estate LLC, to Britene Perrier and Britene D. Perrier, 36 Keith St., \$270,000.

Bank of New York Mellon, trustee, and CWABS Inc., Series 2006-25, trustee of, to Joel Antoine, 52 Stockman St. 54, \$105,007.

Bhuwan Gautam and Hemanta Gautam to Matthew Dean, 83-85 Granby St., \$300,000.

Bjbear Inc., to Stephen A. Ruff, 235 State St., Unit 418, \$127,500.

Blake Collier, Bronis Etheridge Collier and Bronis Etheridge-Collier to Richard J. Decusati, 36 Bentley St., \$113,800.

Bretta Construction LLC, to Jessica Margaret Taylor and Francis Taylor, 298 Gilbert Ave., \$420,000.

Bukowski Construction LLC, to Jimmy Ninh, 56 Juliet St., \$350,000.

Cantalini Holdings Inc., to Camilla J. Miller, Gresham Street, \$30,000.

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Carl A. Nelson, estate, and Abbe W. McLane, representative, to Philip J. Shea and Karen R. Shea, 39 Atwater Place, \$352,000.

Carmelo A. Scuderi and Gary J. Bachorz to Gennie B. Rucks and Monica Hunter, 854 Berkshire Ave., \$229,000.

Christopher Lo to Grace Marie Melendez Rivera, 199 Eastern Ave., \$206,609.

Clinton R. Stonacek and Kristen L. Stonacek to Travis M. Orszulak and John Barron, 114 Leatherleaf Drive, \$195,000.

Cole Alves to 9 York Street Family LP, 246 Slater Ave., \$200,000.

Cornerstone Homebuying LLC, to Lludis Santana and Felix Santana, 39 Davenport St., \$210,000.

David P. Fontaine and Debra M. Fontaine to Phantom Holdings LLC, 50 Newland St., \$126,000.

Deluca Development Corp., to Kristy Lee Hawkins, 137 Marion St., \$176,500.

Diane Medina to Helena Denise Romero, 78 Bexhill St., \$125,000.

Disha Realty LLC, to Shaheer LLC, 191 Berkshire Ave., \$120,000.

District Capital LLC, to Armando M. Mora Fernandez, 53 Warrenton St., \$236,000.

Dominic Jones to Dominic Kirchner II, trustee, and Papaoutai Realty Trust, trustee of, 166 Laurelton St., \$95,000.

Donald J. Chabot to Gregory J. Stevens and Ellen P. Donnelly, 119 Bridle Path Road, \$250,000.

Elisa Marie Alvaro to Robert E. Dancy and Michael C. Stanish, 110 Abbott St., \$304,000.

Gary A. Daula to Julian Torres, 198-200 Middle St., \$324,900.

Gary Comstock, representative, Barbara Ann Comstock, estate, and Barbara A. Comstock, estate, to Helena Walker, 34 Geneva St., \$225,000.

Gary J. Sperlonga and Angela M. Padur to Tracey L. Larock, 61 Old Brook Road, \$230,000.

HB3 Cascade Funding Mortgage Trust to Ryan Deland, 49 Rimmon Ave., \$140,000.

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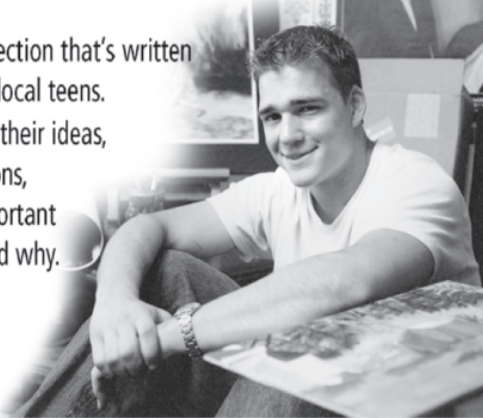
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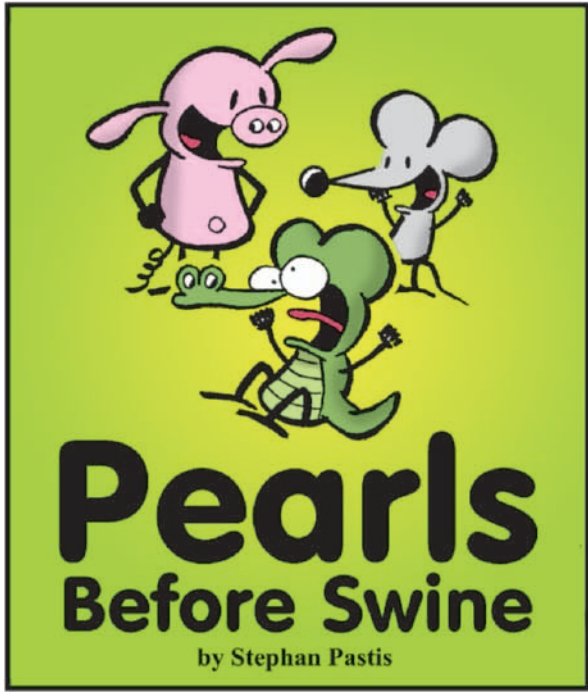
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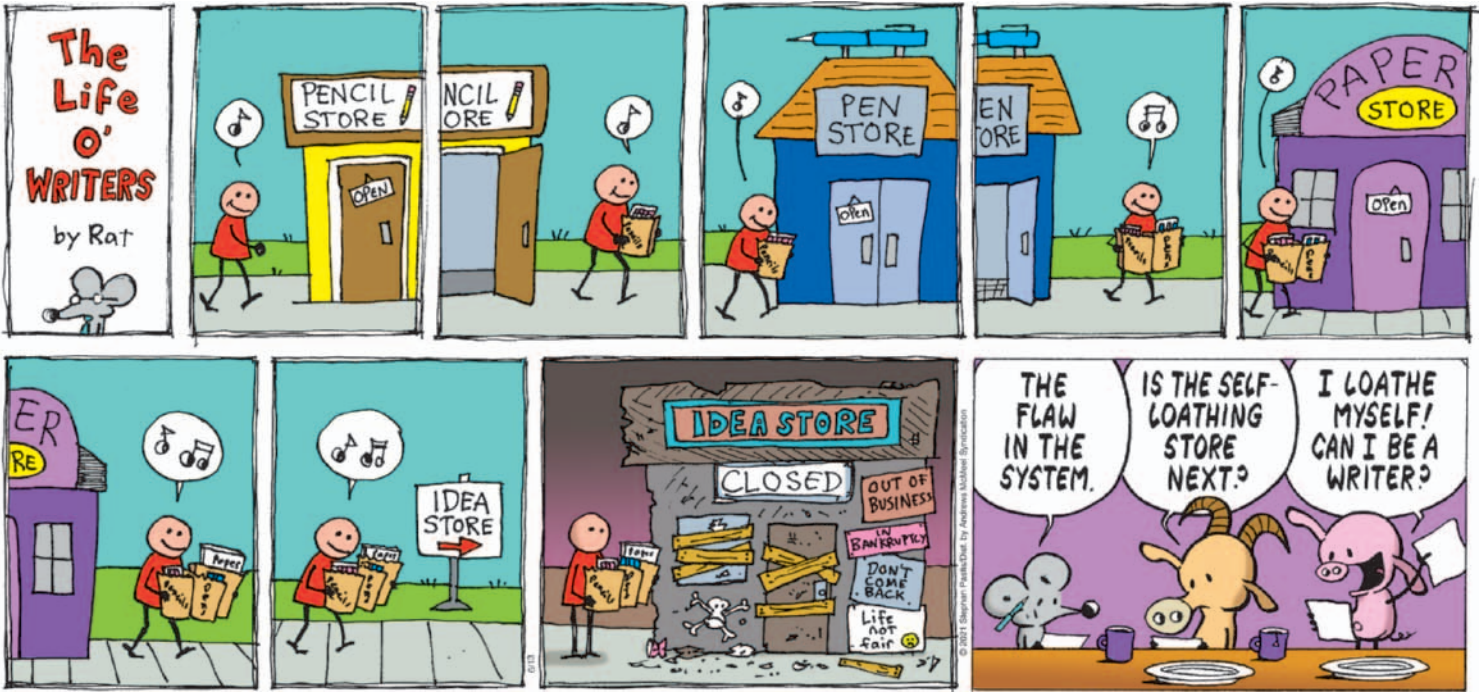
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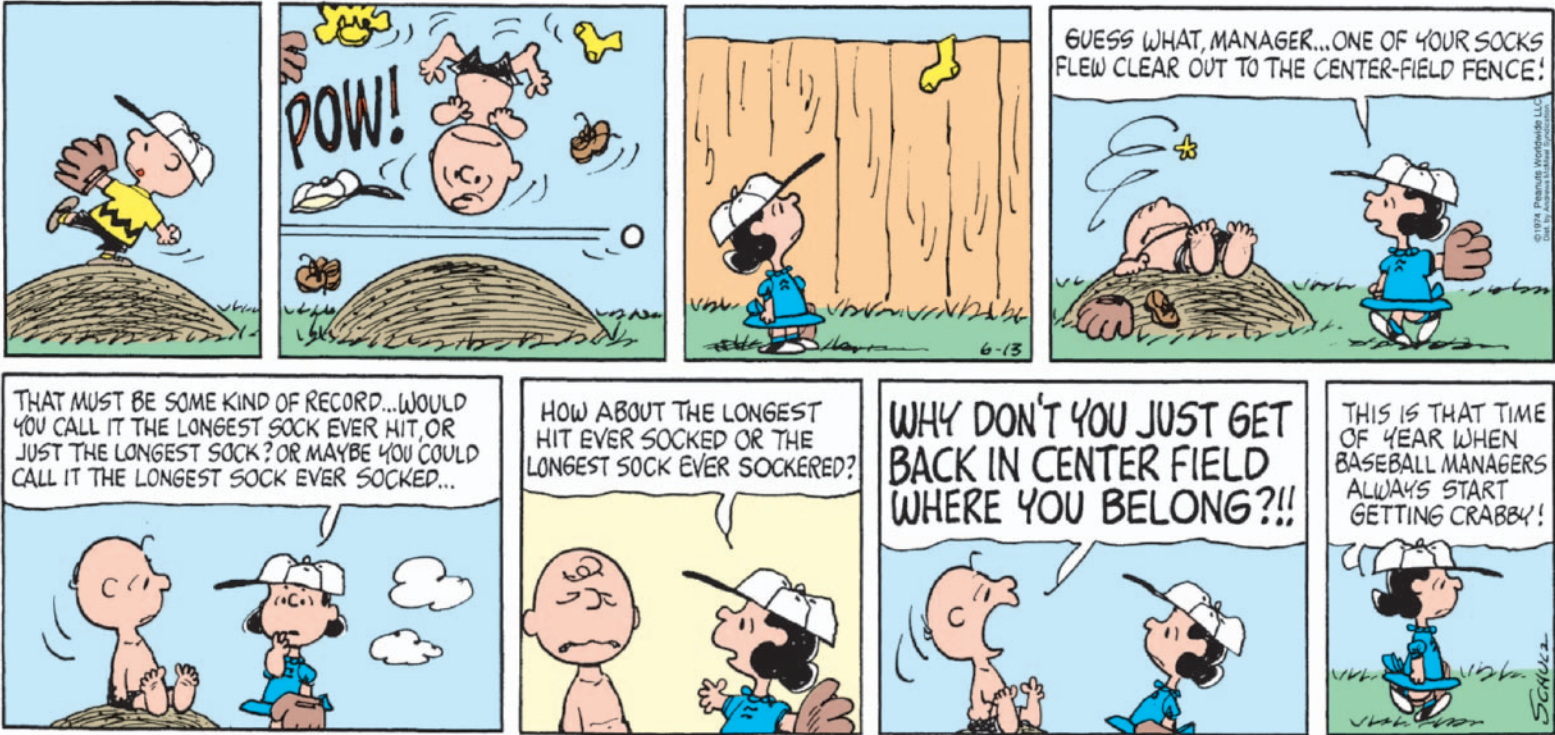


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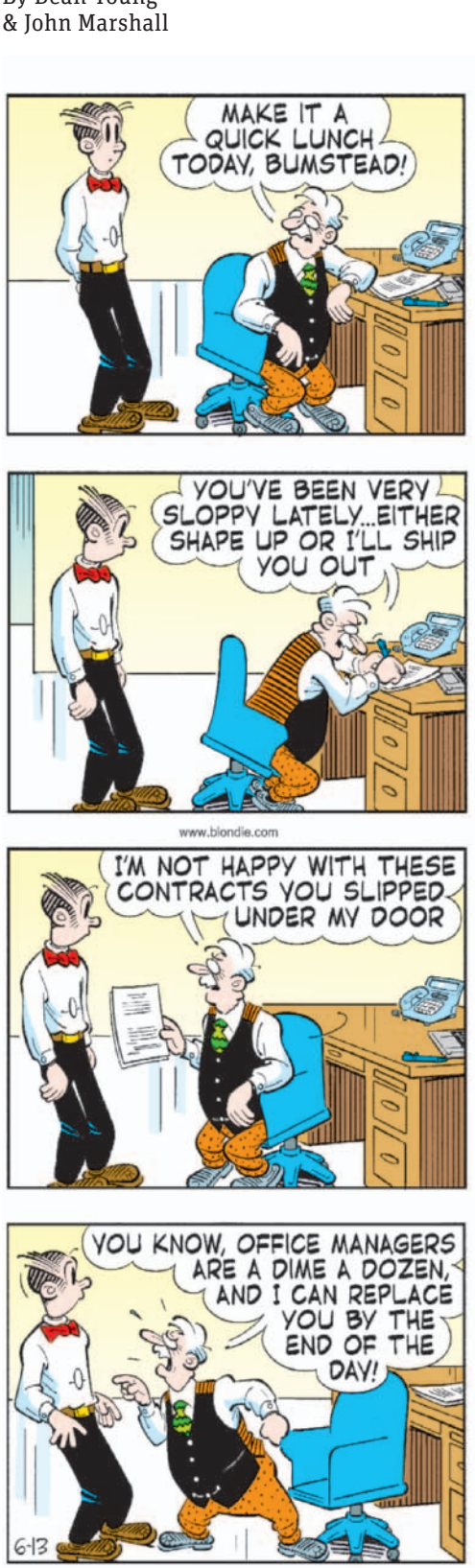
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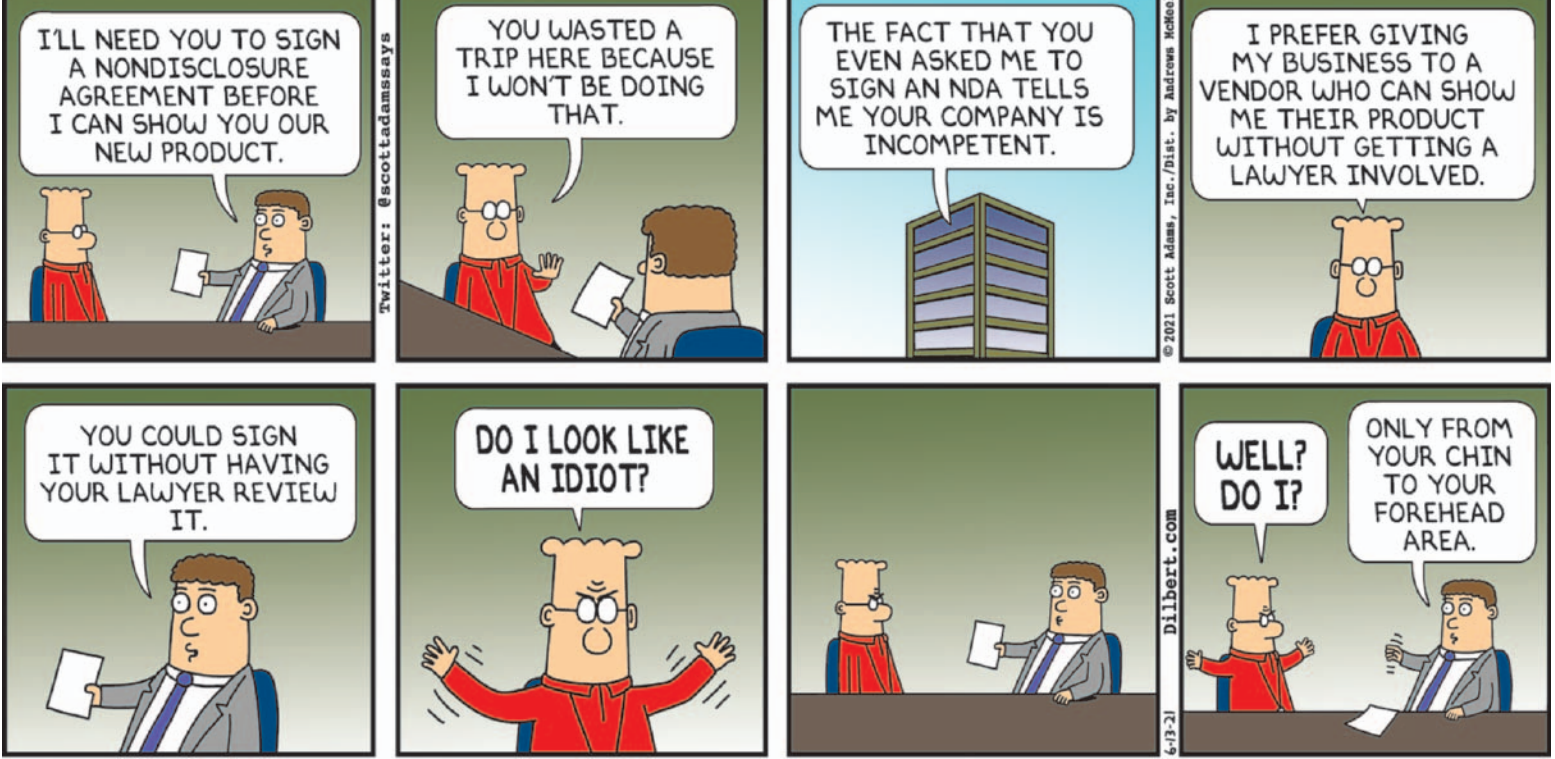
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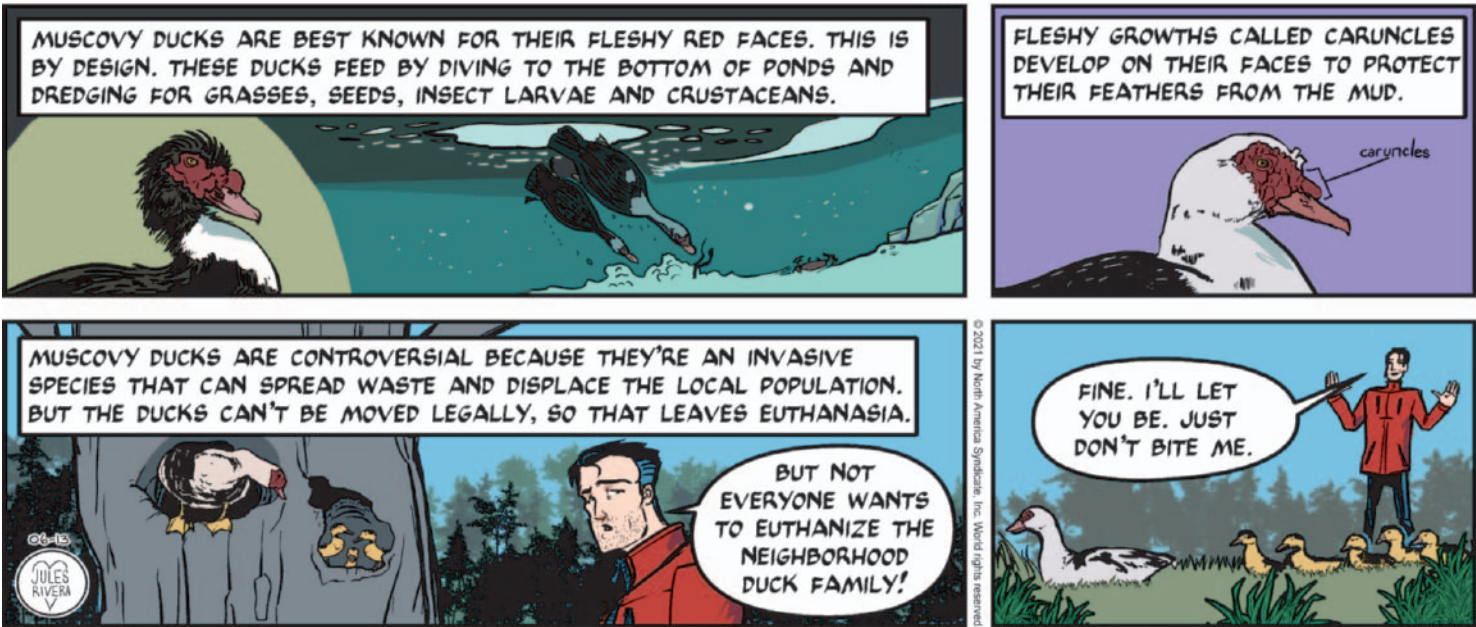


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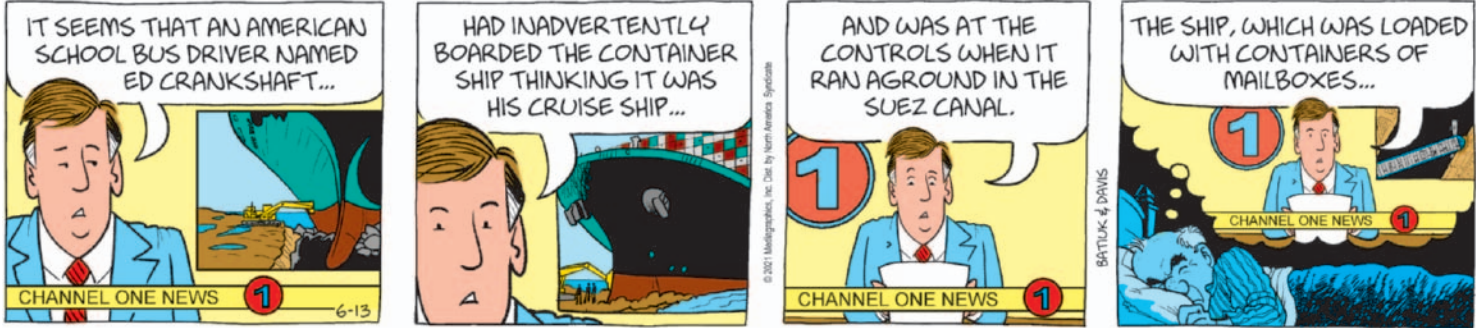
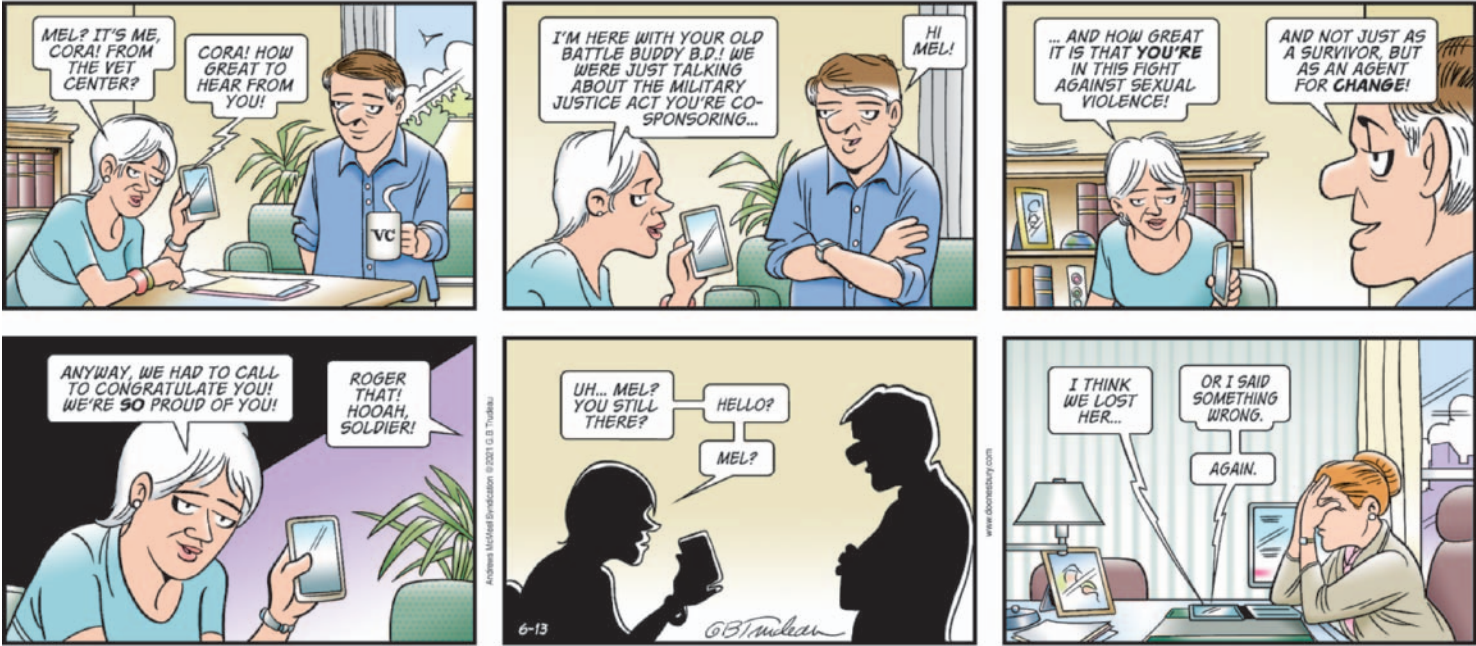


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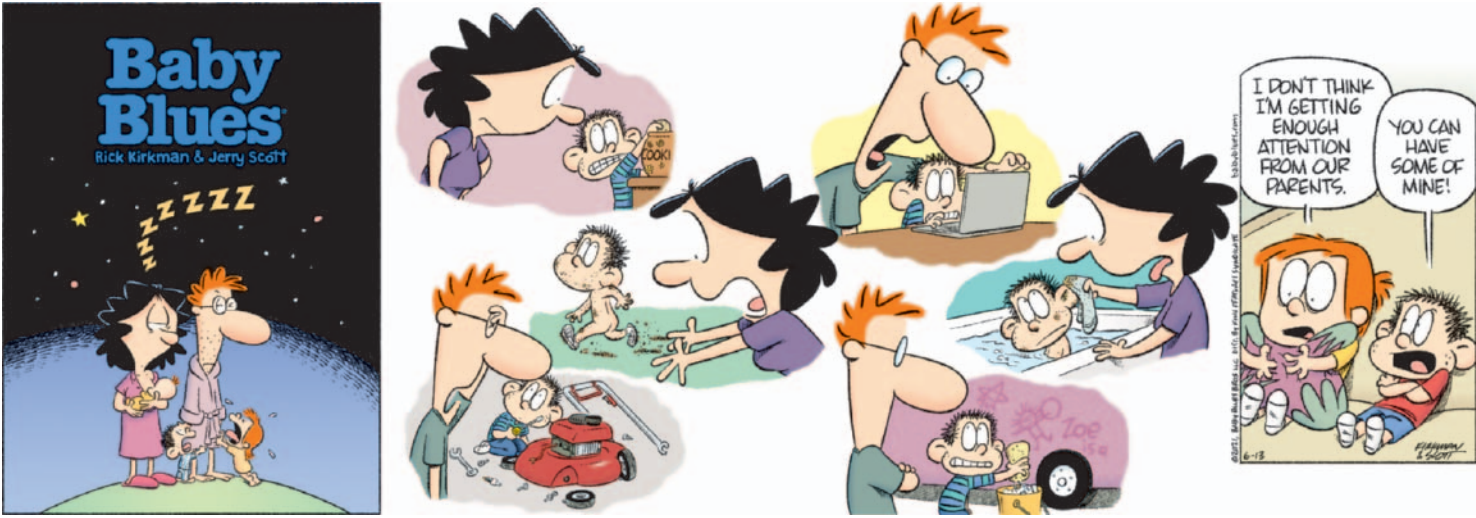
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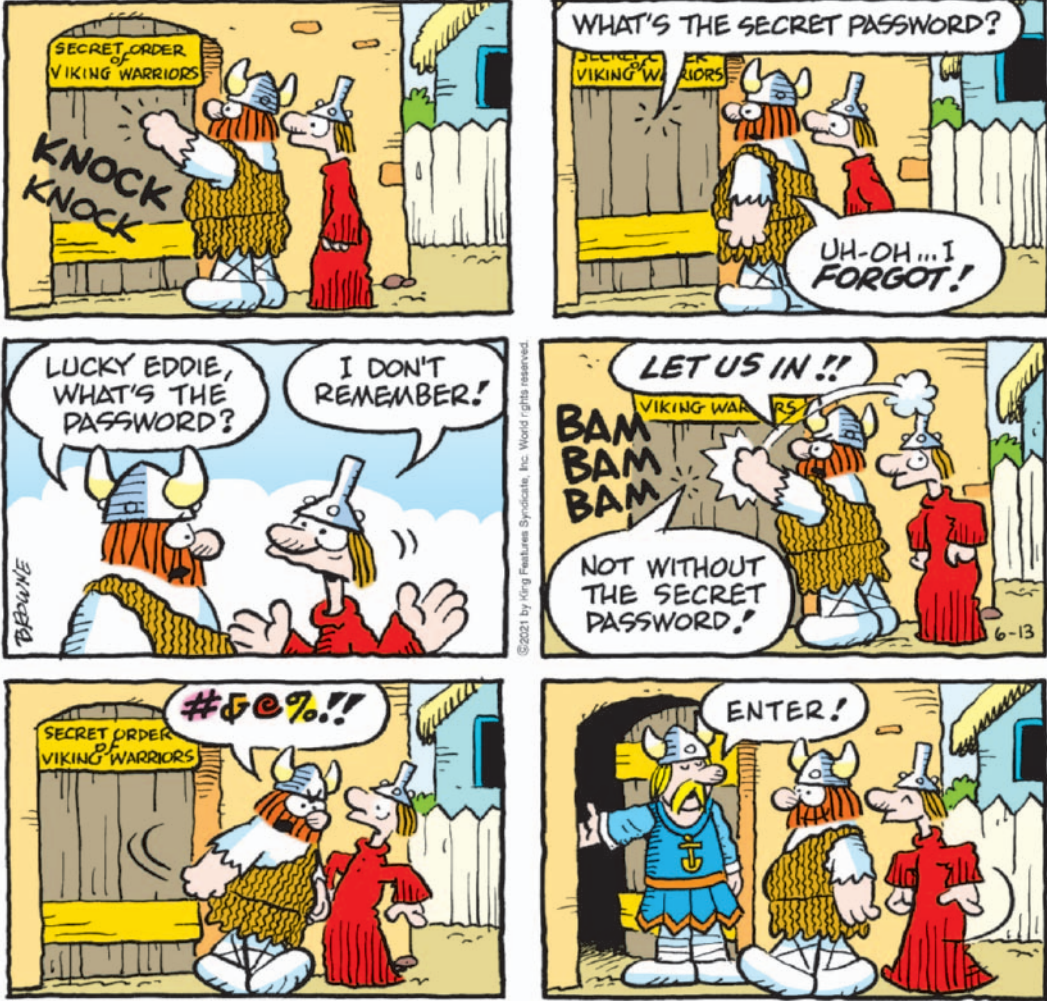
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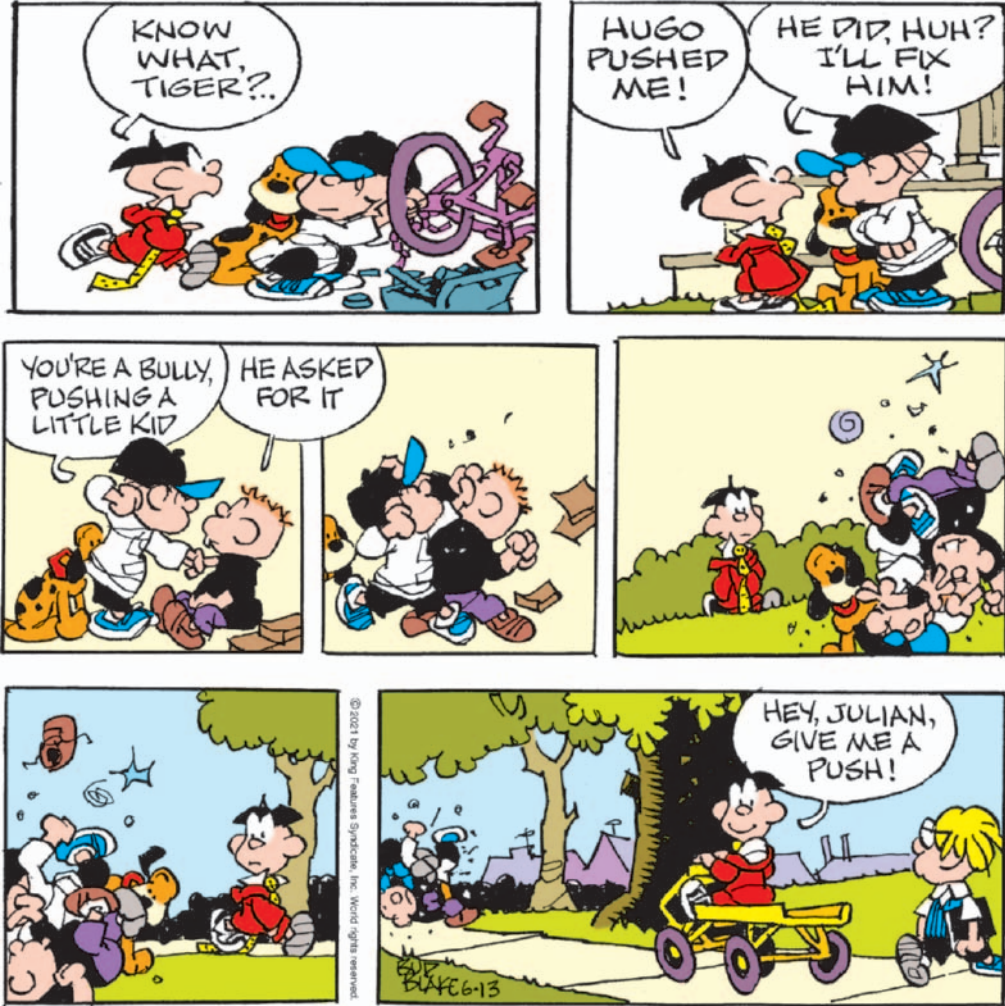
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JEFF MACNELLY'S
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QUIZ TODAY

Thomas Edison
invented the phonograph
in 1877.

It was either that
or sell his
record collection.

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By Jim Davis

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THE WEBSITE PASSWORD THAT
YOU CAN'T REMEMBER ANYMORE!

BWAH-HA-HA-HA
HAAAAAH!

WHICH
WEBSITE?

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DARN!
ET TU,
PASSWORD?

JIM DAVIS 6-13

D R A B B L E
By FAGAN

DARN! SOMEONE
LEFT THE HOSE
OUT!

RALPH! WE'RE LATE FOR
CHURCH! LET'S GO!

I'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

I NEED TO WIND UP
THE HOSE!

CRANK
CRANK
CRANK

CRANK
CRANK
CRANK

ALMOST DONE!

CRANK
CRA...

AAAKK!

..Sigh..

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FUNKY WINKERBEAN
by TOM BATTILAN

EASY DOES IT

ONE PERSON WHO
STAGED VERY BUSY
DURING THE
SHUTDOWN....

WAS MY
MOTHER-IN-LAW.

ONE DAY
A TIME

WHEN THE CALL WAS PUT
OUT FOR MORE MASKS...

'MEWINDA DOWNLOADED
A PATTERN FROM THE
INTERNET... AND GOT
TO WORK MAKING SOME.

'SHE STARTED WITH MASKS
FOR HOWL? AND ME AND
THE OTHER MONTONI'S
EMPLOYEES.'

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE By Hilary B. Price
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THE BIRDS AND THE ~~BEE~~S FLEAS

IT'S LIKE
YOUR MOTHER
SAID--YOU
WERE MADE
FROM
SCRATCH.

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BEETLE BAILEY By Mort, Greg & Brian Walker

I FOUND THAT IF
I TRAIL SARGE, HE
NEVER FINDS ME!

WHERE HAVE
YOU BEEN?

TAKING BEETLE
ON A FIVE-MILE
HIKE

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HI & LOIS By Greg & Brian Walker

HI, WRIGLEY!

THERE'S RUSTY.

WHAT'S UP JEZEBEL?

LOOKIN' GOOD, RIZZO.

IT'S OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
DOG SHOW.

ONLY MIXED BREEDS CAN
ENTER.

JUDGES

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SLAM! CLOMP! CLOMP! CLOMP!

I'M HOME

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ADAM By Brian Basset

Z

BLOP

SNXRHUH?
WHAAZZAT??

WHOA! HEY!

FROG IN MY
SHORTS! FROG
IN MY SHORTS!

GYAAAAHH!

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU
TRAINED FROGS.

OH... I
DABBLE.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Phil Nease

LUNCH IS
READY, BILLY.
GO TELL JEFFY
AND PJ.

WHERE
YOU GUYS
BEEN? LUNCH
IS READY!

WE'VE
BEEN RIGHT
HERE! MOMMY
BROUGHT US
OUR LUNCH
LONG AGO!

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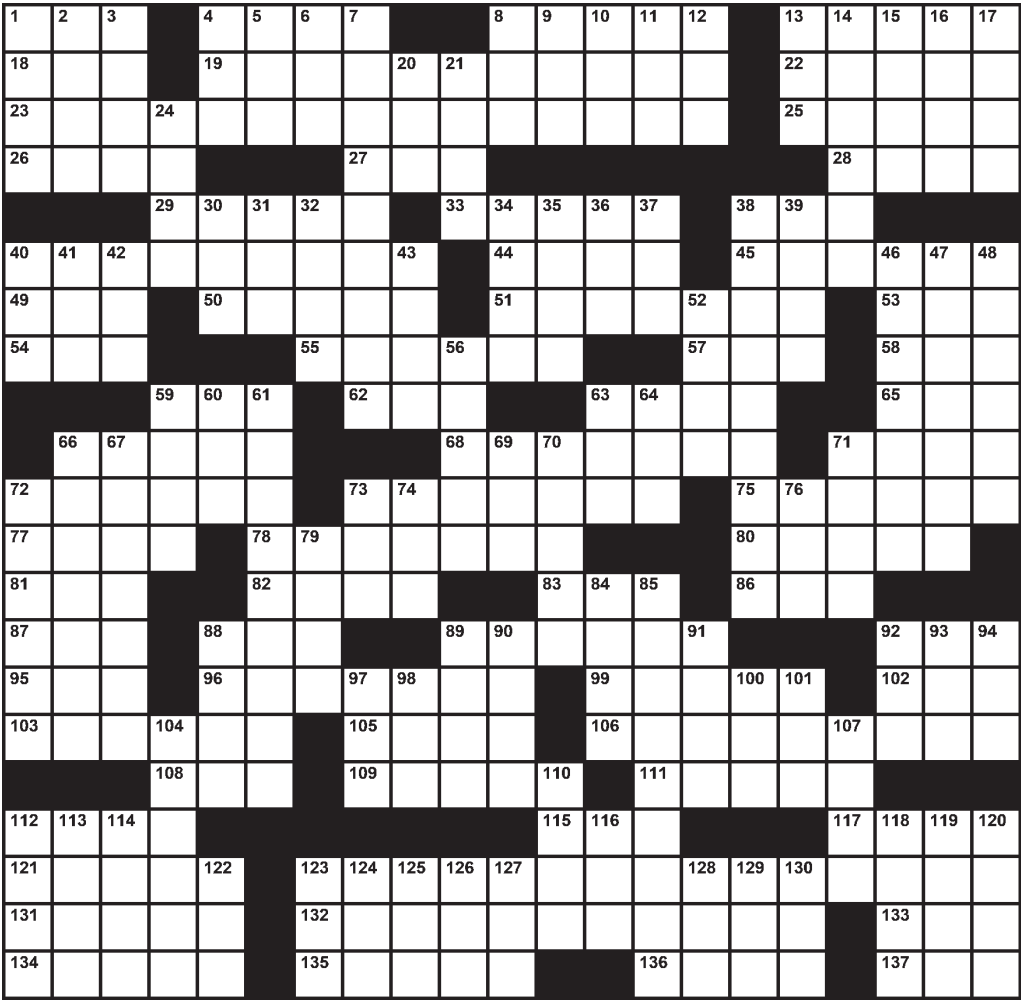
DIAGRAMLESS

By MYLES MELLOR

ACROSS	DOWN
1 1996 Gwyneth Paltrow title role	1 Tel Aviv airline
5 ___ Millan, TV's "dog whisperer"	2 '60s skirt
10 Neeson of 'Taken'	3 Spanish for hand
11 Conjectures	4 Surrounded by
13 Muhammad's religion	5 Thicken
18 Word on a corner-stone	6 British racing town
19 Court stat	7 Señor's emphatic yes
20 New York governor	8 Have ___ (be connect-ed)
21 African animals	9 Sits
23 Enter	12 Hide away
24 Rye disease	13 Cold brew
25 Foe of Frodo	14 Fun in the sea
28 Seafood selection	15 Enter your computer
31 Type of mail	16 Famous cookie
32 Interrupt	17 Flame-loving insect
33 Florida seaport	22 Sub finder
34 Egyptian solar deity	26 Cloth of gold
35 __ and relaxation	27 "My __ are sealed"
36 Rug with a thick pile	29 Wood sores
37 Soccer squad	30 Babe of baseball
43 Japanese cartoon	38 Wood-turning tool
44 Tiny amount	39 Become a member, var. spelling
45 Sharpened	40 Delicious dish
46 Of greatest age	41 Host
48 Contact someone electronically	42 Exigencies
52 Lyric poems	47 O.K. Corral town
56 World flying association, abbr.	48 Hot
57 Theme	49 Neat
59 "___ of a Woman"	50 Model of iPod
60 __ Terre, MO.	51 Reliable
61 Hardy riding horse	53 It might be ajar
65 Mideastern democracy	54 Highest volcano in Europe
66 "Fistful of Dollars" director Sergio	55 Trig. ratios
67 Complete	58 Diminished
70 Turned sideways	59 Part of a table setting
74 Galoshes	61 Goya's "Duchess of ___"
75 Transistor	62 Farm laborer
76 Rice like pasta	63 Puncture sound
77 Queen ___ lace	64 Jacked up the pot
78 Close up securely	65 Strand, in a way
79 Card game	68 Eye droplet
80 Unmanned plane	69 "Alice's Restaurant" singer ___ Guthrie
81 Deception	71 Soviet mountain range
	72 Poet's first name
	73 Bad fortune

CROSSWORD

How sweet it is by Myles Mellor	87. Aural device
Across	88. Source of a bugle call
1. Tempe inst.	89. Lampoon
4. Agreement	92. The Fighting Tigers: Abbr.
8. Some Italian cars, for short	95. "Ethyl" or "benz" finish
13. Biting	96. Much loved pie
18. Parents	99. Chocolatey delight
19. Cloud type	102. "On the Beach" actress, Gardner
22. Andrea ___	103. Ease
23. Cherried German dessert	105. Obfuscate
25. ____ food cake	106. Theoretician
26. Celeb	108. Chemical ending
27. Ring location?	109. Edible flower bulbs
28. Fish dish	111. Keep money ___-shore accounts (stash cash)
29. Type of taste	112. Rock music's Jethro ___
33. Admiral Sir Francis	115. Dobbin's tidbit
38. __ Dhabi	117. ___ jure (by law)
40. Enjoy yourself	121. Dad's morning activity
44. Newspaper column	123. Candy selection
45. Members of the violin family	131. Went over, carefully
49. Deuce in poker	132. Intellectually gifted
50. Sweet spread	133. So, in Dundee
51. Dessert in a tall glass	134. Fragment
53. Baseball stat	135. Kansas motto word
54. Rep.'s counterpart	136. The Missouri R. forms part of its border
55. Powdered your face	137. None's opposite
57. Handheld device	Down
58. "The Joy Luck Club" author	1. Police dept. alerts
59. When the plane should land, at LAX	2. Highway department supply
62. Keyword improvements for a website (abbr.)	3. Insurance company for vets
63. FDNY part	4. Islamabad's country: Abbr.
65. Blasting substance	5. TV ET
66. "M*A*S*H" extra	6. Tech executive, abbr.
68. Break	7. Burrito wrappers
71. Star in Lyra	8. Invoice fig.
72. Ice cream parlor order	9. Director Jean-___ Godard
73. Pie at Thanksgiving	10. Neighbor of Ala.
75. Campfire snacks	11. Razor-billed ___
77. Suffix with consist	12. Compass point
78. Sugar	13. Cavity fillers' org.
80. Tie up	14. Traveling citizen watch-dog
81. Tumult	15. Accordingly
82. Eli home	16. Cambodian currency
83. Mrs. sheep	
86. Family girl	



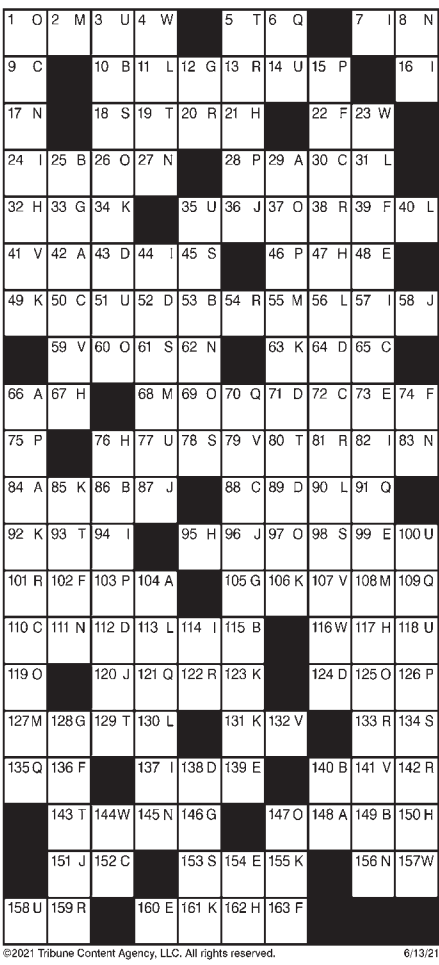
17. Bundle	46. Varsity awards	76. Hosp. picture	110. Database command
20. Key executive, abbr.	47. It ain't apples!	79. Like some chardonnays	112. Recipe abbr.
21. Up for resale	48. Yule decorations	84. Wireless medium	113. "Looks like trouble!"
24. Rock's Motley ___	52. Datebook abbr.	85. Extensive knowledge	114. Superman's mother
30. Capt.'s superior	56. Bulb-shaped stems	88. ___ out a living	116. "Where ___?"
31. 16th US President	59. Small whirlpool	89. Very pleased with oneself	118. Leaning tower
32. Fountain order	60. Hispanic aunt	90. Prefix with dynamic	119. Search
34. Climbing gear	61. There's a torch variety	91. Early eviction setting	120. ___-doke
35. In ___ way	63. Pixel density, abbr.	92. Interval	122. Hall who announced for Jay Leno
36. White wine aperitif	64. Article in Die Welt	93. Law and Order ___	123. Soup or fog
37. Traded mutual fund, abbr.	66. Routine	94. Emirates, for short	124. George Strait's "All My ___ Live in Texas"
38. Crucial trials	67. Additional songs	97. Barbell abbr.	125. Loan figure: Abbr.
39. Second in a series	69. Prefix with center	98. French Guiana's Royale, e.g.	126. Consistent with
40. Part of some addresses, abbr.	70. Activity with traps	100. Auditing agcy.	127. Air quality gp.
41. Cow, maybe	71. French you	101. Busy December worker	128. Vane direction
42. Part of many German names	72. Sushi offering	104. Dinnerware	129. Bar bill
43. Singer Lovett	73. "Face the Nation" guest, abbr.	107. "What ___?"	130. Camera variety: Abbr.
	74. Navajo foe		

QUOTE-ACROSTIC

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column form acrostic of speaker's name and topic.

CLUES	WORDS
A. Manually: 2 wds.	66 104 29 148 84 42
B. Basically: 2 wds.	10 86 25 53 140 149 115
C. Fundamentally: 2 wds.	50 65 9 152 110 30 72 88
D. Blame; censure	112 43 124 71 138 64 52 89
E. Become extinct: 2 wds.	48 99 73 154 139 160
F. Unadorned	102 22 163 39 74 136
G. Anything worthless: sl.	146 33 105 12 128
H. Cyclades site: 2 wds.	32 162 95 67 117 47 21 150 76
I. Guy to ignore	114 16 57 94 44 24 82 7 137
J. Wooded valley	120 151 36 58 96 87
K. Single: independent	155 106 92 123 131 85 63 161 34 49
L. Pickled: hyph.	11 56 90 113 31 40 130
M. Lacking vividness	68 2 108 55 127
N. Hurriedly: 3 wds.	83 145 27 8 111 17 156 62
O. Very enthusiastic	125 60 26 1 119 97 37 69 147
P. Reprimand: 2 wds.	75 126 15 103 46 28
Q. Out of tune: hyph.	121 109 6 135 70 91
R. Illiterate	101 122 133 38 81 20 159 54 13 142
S. Remedy; correct	98 61 18 45 134 78 153

Today's QUOTE-ACROSTIC answer: (Julia) BAIRD: STAND UP FOR YOUR CATS: Part of the appeal of cats is that they are independent and discerning. They can be fiercely affectionate. They are gloriously indifferent. Cats don't pretend to like you, and don't care if you like them.			
A. By hand	E. Die out	I. Nonentity	M. Faint
B. At heart	F. Simple	J. Dingle	N. On the fly
C. In effect	G. Tripe	K. Unattached	O. Rhapsodic
D. Reproach	H. Aegean Sea	L. Pie-eyed	P. Yell at
U. Ask for it	V. Tendon	W. Stoic	



by David Macdaniel	T. Openness
	80 19 129 143 5 93
	U. Invite trouble: 3 wds.
	14 51 158 77 100 3 35 118
	V. Sinew
	59 79 141 107 132 41
	W. Seneca follower
	23 4 144 157 116

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, one letter to each square, to form six ordinary words.

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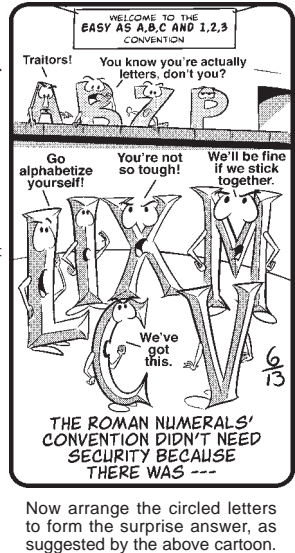
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2. D FOZR XRPZBM ZWBKNKS WDCRIBMRV OM QWROP WRDS, UNQMBQ OM QWROP WRDPQ. Jonathan Swift

LAST WEEK'S CRYPTOGRAMS

1. I swear I couldn't love you more than I do right now, and yet I know I will tomorrow I swear I couldn't love you more than I do right now, and yet I know I will tomorrow. Leo Christopher

2. Thinking of you keeps me awake. Dreaming of you keeps me asleep. Being with you keeps me alive. Anon



WHATZIT?

RULE RULE

ACTOR BEST

CHALLENGER

DIRECTIONS:
Fill each square with a number, one through nine.
• Horizontal squares should add to the totals on right.
• Vertical squares should add to the totals on bottom.
• Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

THERE MAY BE MORE THAN ONE SOLUTION.

Today's Challenge

Time 14 Minutes

8 Seconds

Your Working Time

Minutes

Seconds

6-13

23

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WORD SCRIMMAGE™

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1st DOWN

R₂ S₂ O₂ N₂ E₂ A₂ P₆

1st Down +50 PTS

2nd DOWN

A₂ E₁ M₆ C₆ A₂ H₂ D₃

2nd Down +40 PTS

3rd DOWN

U₃ A₂ P₆ S₂ S₂ L₂ R₂

3rd Down +30 PTS

4th DOWN

E₁ U₃ R₂ T₂ A₂ Q₄ T₂

4th Down +60 PTS

BONUS DOWN

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Bonus Down +20 PTS

FIVE PLAY TOTAL

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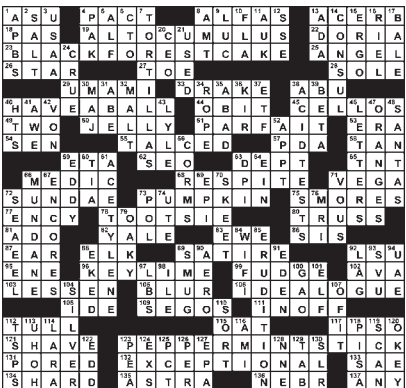
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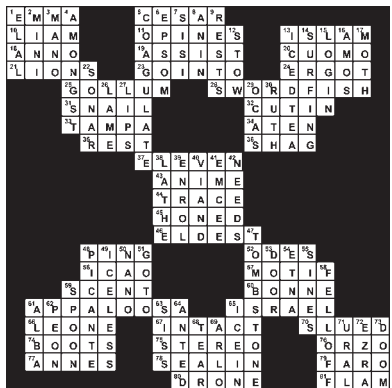
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SOLUTIONS



Today's Crossword



Today's Diagramless

Whatzit?

- 1 Break the rules
- 2 Best Supporting Actor

Challenger

solution 6-13				23
4	6	5	4	19
9	7	9	7	32
9	8	7	9	33
2	3	6	2	13
24	24	27	22	20

JUMBLE

Answer:

ABSORB UTOPIA TIMELY SMOGGY ENTICE FUNGUS

The Roman numerals' convention didn't need security because there was —

SAFETY IN NUMBERS

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1st DOWN = 127

C₆ H₂ A₂ M₂ A₂ D₃ E₁

2nd DOWN = 127

P₆ U₃ L₂ S₂ A₂ R₂ S₂

3rd DOWN = 79

Q₄ U₃ A₂ R₂ T₂ E₁ T₂

4th DOWN = 146

P₆ A₂ T₂ R₂ I₂ O₂ T₂

BONUS DOWN = 78

AVERAGE GAME 380-390 PTS

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